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The occupied Gaza strip, where some 750,000 Palestinians live under the boot of Israel in shantytowns and refugee camps, is "a very stressful environment", says Dr. Eyad Sarraj, a Palestinian psychiatrist who operates his own clinic there. Sarraj had previously worked for an Israeli hospital, but quit "in frustration over what he says was the Israeli government's reluctance to maintain adequate standards." (Chicago Tribune, 5-27-93).

About 40% of Sarraj's cases are children. According to a June 30, 1993 recent survey at his clinic of 2,779 children from 8 to 15 years old, 92% have been exposed to tear gas, 85% have experienced Israeli soldiers coming into their homes in the middle of the night, 55% have seen soldiers beat their parents, and 42% have been beaten by soldiers themselves. Many of these youth have developed problems such as depression, diminished concentration, bed-wetting, and eating and sleep disorders, due to "the cumulative effect of 26 years of occupation" says Sarraj.

Sarraj often discusses with these youth the violent and rebellious behavior they display towards Israeli soldiers. "If a child is throwing stones, I discuss it with him, but I don't discourage him. I get him to relate the aggressive behavior towards the national struggle." When the Tribune asked, "Could it be that throwing stones at soldiers is actually therapeutic for children?", Sarraj answered with a resounding yes. "The only children with high self-esteem tend to be the ones who throw stones at soldiers...it is important to exercise resistance against outside aggression. Absolutely, this is very healthy."

We hope this lesson will encourage people to exercise empowering and therapeutic acts of resistance everywhere.

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-- Dr. Eyad Sarraj

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Weather Log

Yes, we're back and, yes, we'll never go away! It' been 7 months since our last outburst, and we don't really have any excuses. Partly it was the winter blahs, partly being involved in all kinds of other stuff, partly the fact that after each issue we kind of take a break, instead of going full on to the next one, and its hard to get back on our feet. We're not gonna stop this time tho, and we hope to have the next issue to you in 2 months...

This issue gave us cramps in other ways as well. For starters, it's on newsprint, which we were afraid might stifle our all-out-chaos layout style and aesthetic. It definitely left us less space, forcing us to cram, cut out, and adopt microscopic type sizes (use a magnifying glass if ya need to). Most of all, it cost us $800, which is a hefty step from scammming all our past issues on liberated photocopiers. It's going to be a struggle printing this regularly at that cost, plus our commitment to no selling adverts and being free in Chicago. So basically, we need moolah, G, if yer generous or happen to provide some rich slime a tax break. :)

In terms of collectivity, it is still a struggle to make this be a collective task. Burden still tends to fall on one or a few people, although there are a number of people willing to work on it. Initiative to jump into the fray is sadly lacking...as well as eagerness to explain and help out those interested. All things we are aware of and working to change...

For those of you who have written us and gotten no response: we have had nightmare problems with our p.o.box too complicated to explain here. We may not have gotten it, or it may be in our insane pile of backlogged mail. It might be good for you to write us again. Our apologies!

Unfortunately, you can expect some overlap between this zine and other anarchist papers...such as Love & Rage, Profane Existence, Slingshot...but since our main target audience is Chicago, and this city ain't exactly flooded with anarchist material, we will be a bit redundant to our anarchist movement readers. Besides, it saves us trouble to plagiarize!

As always, we welcome and demand contributions, especially from locals. Personal-political rants are the best, but we also need input for our hip hop, punk, and @ scene report sections...Any ideas in terms of content, layout, etc. are also nice. I'm looking forward to a sort of wandering muse, situationist-inspired derive sort of psycho-geographic view of our urban sprawl next issue...

That's it for now. Keep your nose clean, watch for plainclothes...

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Qoute for this issue: "I tell you what, if they do close it down--put a sign up and say don't come back next weekend, there'll be a helluva riot down here. They'll tear this city down..." --Sam Hoffman, a Maxwell Street vendor, on the University of Illinois at Chicago's expansion and plans to close down the long-living, open-air market.

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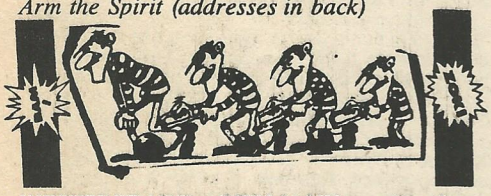
RED ARMY FRACTION DESTROYS PRISON

This issue of Wind Chill Factor is dedicated to the Red Army Fraction, who recently struck a blow against prisoner repression and racist government asylum politics by destroying a newly built prison in Weiterstadt. We are reprinting below an analysis of this action written by Sara Bell and Todd Prane in the June-July issue of Love & Rage, as we feel it furthers the discussion around the RAF's change in direction. For the full text of the RAF's communique about this action, their April '92 communique or their Aug '92 discussion paper, write to Love and Rage or Arm the Spirit (addresses in back)



WEITERSTADT, GERMANY -- On Sat, March 27, at approximately 5am, the Commando Katharina Hammerschmidt of the Red Army Fraction (RAF) destroyed the high-tech prison in Weiterstadt, Germany with 200 kg of explosives. The bombing caused an estimated 100 million DM in damage (over $60 million) and is expected to set the prison opening, originally scheduled for early May, back by four years. The prison was to employ the latest technology and was called "an example of modern and humane imprisonment in Germany" by the Minister of Justice, Christine Hohmann-Dennhardt.

The explosion destroyed the administration building and four "residential" buildings. The action was carefully planned and executed. The commando took great pains to insure that the prison personnel were not injured. At approximately 1:30am the commando captured the 11 guards and left them, bound and gagged, in a van in a nearby field. Before setting off the explosives, they searched the buildings and put up warning signs on the outside walls of the prison (a fact not mentioned by the BAW, the Federal Prosecutor's Office), which usually likes to parade out every piece of evidence they have).

This prison was to be a model for new high-tech prisons. In these prisons, a few of which are already in existence, the prisoners are organized into so-called "living groups" of 10 to 20 prisoners. They live in solitary cells and share a common room and a small kitchen. These "living groups" are put together by social workers and psychotherapists according to the prisoners' relative levels of adaptation or resistance to the values of their captors. The groups are designed to build competition between the prisoners and undermine solidarity. Through "work therapy" (ie forced labor) and other psychological measures, the prisoners are forced to adapt to the social values that are set by the personnel. Their behavior continually determines their status within the prison hierarchy -- from most conforming to non-adapting. The prisoners' activities are constantly monitored. The cells and common rooms contain video monitors and in the common rooms there are two-way mirrors. Even when they are allowed to briefly leave these areas they are carefully watched -- they are transported through third floor passages which also contain cameras. The capacity of the prison was to be 500 prisoners. Included in this were to be a high security wing for women prisoners and a deportation prison [another sign of the german government caving in to right-wing/fascist pressure against immigration and refugee asylum--WCF].

The Commando Katharina Hammerschmidt was named for a RAF supporter and close friend of Ulrike Meinhof. Hammerschmidt had served three years and died in prison in 1973. She had a breast tumor and died due to medical neglect.

This action came as a surprise to many because the RAF had announced that they were going to halt the escalation of the war with the state from their side. In April of 1992 a RAF communique was released which discussed the need to rethink their goals and strategies and to concentrate on negotiating the release of their imprisoned comrades (see Love and Rage Vol 3 No 6). At that time, the then Minister of Justice, Kinkel, had indicated a willingness to release some of the more seriously ill prisoners. But since that time, only a few have been released, and others have faced further harassment.

The RAF had come to see that they were disconnected from the people who they were supposed to be fighting for. In response to this and the very different political situation in which the RAF found themselves, they called for a broad discussion between various parts of the left about strategy and for the building of a counter-power from below--a mass movement out of which a revolution could arise. They questioned the role of armed struggle in the left and whether it accomplished anything when it did not come out of a broad base of support. "Either our side will develop a base-movement from below, which is directed by solidarity and justice, and by the struggle against this cold society and against poverty and a lack of perspective or the explosive contradictions will remain destructive and the violence will escalate, each person against the other."

In the April 1992 communique and a discussion paper released in a Aug 1992, the RAF indicated that the cessation of attacks was conditional. If the state did not allow room for necessary discussion and release the RAF prisoners, the RAF would retaliate. With this action they have followed through with this threat and have shown that they will not allow the state to take advantage of their new position.

In the latest communique, the RAF write very clearly that this action does not represent a new strategy (or a resumption of an old one), but rather an interim measure. The communique begins: "Nothing has changed since the step we took in our history, a step which we needed and wanted to take. We are busy with a new process in which a social counter-power from below can develop, and from which can come new proposals for revolutionary process and change [...] Only out of this process can the questions regarding what forms of struggle and concrete organizing are necessary be answered. For us, this process, now as before, has the highest priority."

Further on in the communique, the RAF explain the context of the action in relation to the stated desire, in earlier communiques, to engage in broader participation, as well as the escalation against political prisoners: "We have often been criticized because in our communique last April we linked our decision to halt our actions to the situation of the prisoners, particularly to the state's destructive stance. We have always maintained that the step in our history which we took was grounded in the necessity of developing new foundations, and we stated that this necessity was independent of the state's conduct. But from the beginning it was unclear how the state would react to the decrease in pressure from our side, and that's why we left the option open of intervening, if necessary, in order to place limits on the state's conduct. In Aug '92 we wrote: 'We will then decide on armed intervention as a moment of pushing back and not as a further strategy. We won't simply be made to revert to our old ways. This escalation is not in our interest. But the state has to realize that when it leaves no other option, we have the means, the experience, and the determination to make them take responsibility.'"

The RAF go on to write, "After we removed the pressure from our side, the state once again decided on an escalation against the prisoners -- the prosecution against Christian Klar and the new wave of trials will put people away for their entire lives; the decision not to release Bernd Roesser early; and the refusal of prisoners based on the offer of release after submission to psychiatric tests, whereby they would be forced to claim that their struggle, their initiatives, their entire opposition, was simple 'insanity'." The construction of the prison in Weiterstadt was to add to the capacity of the German penal system, allowing a larger portion of the population to be imprisoned. The new prison was also used as an excuse to indefinitely delay the repair or closing of prisons such as Frankfurt-Preungsheim, which have been the subject of human rights demands by prisoners on an ongoing basis.

The RAF state that the Weiterstadt prison was targeted because they wanted to counter the offensive actions the state had taken against RAF prisoners. It was not meant as a renewal of their old tactics and methods.

There are several questions raised by this action. Although the RAF state that this action is separate from the ongoing process of integration into broader political movements, this action did not take place in a vacuum, and it needs to be put into context. What is the effect of this action on the RAF's search for new direction and process?

The RAF's decision to bomb a prison can be seen in several ways. In some ways it appears to be a change in tactics both because it is a different kind of action from the kidnappings and assassinations that the RAF are famous for, and because bombing a building is more acceptable to a larger portion of the left than assassinations.

The RAF claim that this action stands separate from their search for a new strategy, but it occurs within the context of their history and of a larger movement that they are trying to relate to. This action is similar to past actions in that it doesn't seem to arise out of a broader discussion. It is also an action which is focused on political prisoners, many of the most famous of whom are members of the RAF. The RAF admit that this action does not directly affect the movements that they claim affinity with. As the first major RAF action in a long time, however, this draws attention to their discussions and highlights how their actions measure up to the standards they have set for themselves.

In spite of the problems that these questions raise, it is certainly true that one less prison is always a step in the right direction.

US-led UN forces exhibited a deadly display of force in Mogadishu in mid-June to make it clear who holds power in Somalia. With US helicopters flying low and blowing down shacks used for housing, firing rockets into residential areas, and Pakistani troops firing on unarmed demonstrators (killing at least 20 in retribution for previous attacks on Pakistani UN troops), claims of "humanitarian aid" ring even more hollow. High-tech helicopters launching "precision" missile attacks have struck hospitals and humanitarian compunds. Chants of "Clinton down!" and "America out of Somalia" during the rioting in Feb. and in the recent clashes, show that the Somali people will not be occupied peacefully...

The following interesting analysis of the situation in Afrika was appropriated from Love & Rage.

US Out Of Africa

by Mitchel Cohen

"To give food aid to a country just because they are starving is a pretty weak reason." -- Henry Kissinger

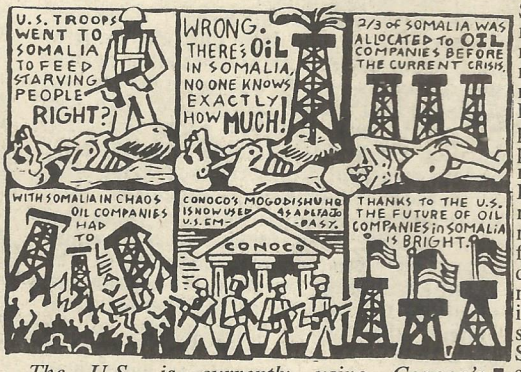
Months before the United States sent troops to Somalia to supposedly protect food supply lines from the pilferage of "evil warlords," Italy was completing arrangements to ship that nation's toxic wastes to Somalia, with nary a protest from the US. UN environmental chief Mostafa Tolba then said that the dumping could aggravate the destruction of Somalia's ecosystem and threaten further loss of life in the ravaged nation.

"Africa," writes Silvia Federici, a professor at Hofstra University and editor of the Committee for Academic Freedom in Africa's newsletter, "is being turned into the chemical/nuclear dustbin of the world, the region where expired pharmaceutical products, toxic wastes, and materials banned in other countries, from medicines to pesticides, are dumped." Combined with other information gleaned from firsthand accounts but generally unreported in the corporate press, a much more insidious picture of US involvement in Somalia is emerging, one closely paralleling the odious, but accurate, observation by Henry Kissinger, even as US Government officials try to paint a more benign "humanistic" portrait of its motives for public consumption.

How badly we long to, even need, to believe that the US Government would, maybe this time, actually feed people because they are starving, no strings attached! We want the government to work that way; but it doesn't, and it won't. Nor will it reveal its own role in creating all the misery to begin with. It's time we took Henry Kissinger's maxim at its face as an accurate representation of how US policy works, and stop fooling ourselves into believing the lies spun for us which enable the ruling class to slip in its murder and mayhem by riding the Trojan Horse of our suddenly eager morality.

Although people have been and continue to be desperate for food in particular areas of Somalia, the country as a whole is not racked by generalized mass starvation, chaos and random violence. "In fact," explains Rutgers professor Said Samatar, who is from Somalia, "these horrors are occurring only in a limited portion of Somalia, notably in the ... southwest between Mogadishu, the capital [where all the press are clustered], and the regions surrounding Baidoa and Kismayu. The rest of the country is relatively peaceful and well governed by an alliance of traditional elders and local leaders that has reemerged in the wake of the collapse of the central authority ... In the entire country there is only one ['warlord'], General Aidiid, worthy of the name. And even he does not exercise supreme authority over a horde of followers whom he can deliver either to the field of battle or to the negotiating table." We cannot allow the US Government the luxury of framing the issues for us ("mass starvation," "warlords," "chaos"), and thereby orchestrating our emotions and controlling the terms of the debate.

Here's an example of how such manipulation works: The US claims that up to eighty percent of all relief is being stolen, which is the current justification for sending the troops. But Rakiya Omaar, who had been the director of Africa Watch until the middle of December (before she was summarily fired by Human Rights Watch Aryeh Neier for not mouthing his approved liberal version of the government's line), cites relief organizations such as Save the Children and the International Committee of the Red Cross as enduring a loss rate of only five to ten percent, a fairly constant figure in all famine relief. Right now, reports Omaar, Mogadishu, which was in the most desperate situation of all the Somalian cities and is the focus of US media attention, "is totally flooded with food" and "anybody can buy rice; it's very cheap." The mortality rate, she says, had dropped and the overall situation had been improving before the troops were sent. Many relief workers in Somalia go even further, complaining that their efforts are being hindered by the US military intervention: "We can't get to people we used to, and they are dying," said James Fennell of CARE. Before the troops hit the beaches, relief agencies had hired guards "to ride shotgun on trucks, losing some supplies to looters, but also reaching many thousands of people who were too weak to seek help in feeding centers. [But] the Marines first move in Baidoa was to disarm the airport security force, tough exsoldiers CARE had hired as escorts. ... Tibebu Haile Selassie, deputy director of UNICEF in Mogadishu ... said, 'the situation is worse than it was before.'"



The U.S. is currently using Conoco's Mogadishu compund as an embassy. The landlord of that compund is one Osman Atto, a businessman who also happens to be the main financial backer of General Aidid, the once strongest "warlord" in Somalia.

Much of Somalia's economic life is organized around the growth and export of cattle (traditionally camel meat, although that is changing), which utilizes the large pastoral spreads provided by nature in that region. Throughout Africa, the vastly different natural landscapes, social and economic arrangements, and deposits of natural resources make it inappropriate to apply certain generalizations about the continent to individual African societies. Nevertheless, the policies of the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and international capital, such as the forced development of export crops, even though that destroys local self sufficiency and dispossess small plot farming, concentrating the ownership of land in a few giant corporations, are a universalizing force on the continent, and resistance to them is widespread despite, or, possibly, because of, the variety of societies. This common imposition enables us to apply to Somalia, today, observations Silvia Federici had written several years ago about Africa in general:

"Africans' resistance to capitalist discipline must be emphasized given the tendency in the US to see Africans either as helpless victims of government corruption and natural disasters or as protagonists of backward struggles revolving around tribal allegiances (a myth perpetrated by the Western media). In reality, from the fields to the factories, the markets and the schools, struggles are being carried on that not only are often unmatched for their combativeness by what takes place in the 'First World,' but are most 'modern' in content. Their objective is not the preservation of a mythical past but the redefinition of what development means for the proletariat: access to the wealth produced internationally, but not at the price capital puts on it."

European colonialism's failure to break the back of the village structures in Africa, including much of Somalia, had cut deeply into world capitalist profits from that continent. Beginning in 1977, when Somali dictator Siad Barre was dumped by the Soviet Union and became a client of the US, the International Monetary Fund has imposed a series of stringent regulations on Somalia. And for 15 years, villagers throughout Somalia have resisted the hardline US/IMF policies. Only in those areas around the capital mentioned above, where IMF measures were able to break down the traditional structures and be fully imposed, do we find the kinds of hunger, disease and disruption of peaceful village life that so powerfully stir our compassion. And even there, the starvation was caused by the imposition of a brutal central authority in Somalia, not by its collapse (contrary to the current US government/media/liberals' line); all the misery we're called on to fight today in those areas are a direct result of US/IMF measures.

Of course Somalis are resisting the foreign attempts to dump toxic wastes there and to forcibly proletarianize their communities. That resistance, over the past decade and one half, prompted the US government to arm troops loyal to now deposed Somali dictator Said Barre. The situation is reminiscent of the US arming of Saddam Hussein in Iraq, and Noriega in Panama. These were US clients, owned and paid for by American tax dollars. And, like Hussein, Barre often turned those US and Soviet made weapons against dissident Somali movements. As Alexander Cockburn reported, "Somalis do not forget Siad Barre's massacres in the late 1980s of some 150,000 northerners in the former British Somaliland, or his near total destruction of northern towns like Hargeisa with the help of South African bomber pilots and US logistical backup and diplomatic protection." More than half a million Somalis were rendered homeless and forced across the desert into Ethiopia. Cockburn goes on to detail some of the resistance to the imposition of capital, a resistance rooted in the village social structures that so frustrates the US and IMF elites: "Although devastated by Siad Barre in the 1980s and in urgent need of seed and agricultural assistance, Somaliland is not in the desperate straits of sections of the south, and its chief political organization, the Somali National Movement, makes a decent case for exercising its right to self determination.

"In May of 1991 the S.N.M. convened a congress of some 5,000 people and chose an interim government with an interim legislative assembly of 140 people. Although the Isaak clan is dominant, the S.N.M. has reached out to minority groups. Los Angeles based Sael Samater, his brother Ibrahim is the president of the interim legislative assembly, regards US/UN intervention as 'John Wayne' talk. He outlined for me the suspect motivations of various players, including [UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros] Ghali, Islamic fundamentalists backed by Saudi Arabia and the Emirates, and even Italy, whose interest in the affairs of its former colony is as intense as Germany's toward its former dependencies of the Nazi years, Croatia and Slovenia." Among its hidden rationales, then, military intervention provides a way of annulling the rebirth of Somaliland and, in the same breath, the force needed to roll back the enormous gains won by the national liberation front of Eritrea, after decades of war there against Italy and Ethiopia, and the military hardware of both the Soviet Union and the US.

Unfortunately, many "progressive" people living in the US and in Europe still cling to notions of progress that entail destroying other people's "antiquated" ways of living in order to "make things better for them" and to "save them from themselves." This 20th century version of the "white man's burden" is capitalism's ideologically liberal complement; it seeks a cleaner imperialism, one hopefully without death squads, and it launches its crusades against militant resistance by demonizing those who "just can't see the light." It calls for, "as nonviolently as possible," removing the weapons from the hands of those "natives" who, not knowing what's best for them, resist attempts to modernize their communities and pull them into liberalism's version of the 21st century, by any means necessary.

And so we now find American newspaper coverage of Somalia laced with terms like "warlords," "gangs," "violent bands," "chaos," "random violence", a way of framing the situation that is accepted and regurgitated by "progressives" as much as by the government. The white supremacy concealed in North Americans'

demonization of "bad Negroes" versus those seemingly more docile and compliant with the interests and intentions of international capital is used to justify armed intervention, all the while remaining well within the boundaries of the dominant liberal ideology.

Clearly, whatever hunger exists in Somalia is a direct result of US/IMF/ World Bank policies over the years, policies that have spawned a strong resistance movement in Somalia, like everywhere else--although we hear nothing of it in the press. None of the capital's goals can be accomplished without first crushing (or co-opting) those movements. Consequently, there's more to the US invasion of Somalia than meets the stomach. Progressive people in the US cannot allow ourselves to be seduced into endorsing the schemes of capital, which has learned to conjure up morally-appealing pretexts precisely for that purpose, when: 1) Hunger wouldn't exist there in the first place if it was not for capital's economic intervention over the last decade; 2) Mass starvation in Somalia is limited to those areas where capital was able to fully implement its programs, and not throughout the society, contrary to what we're being led to beleive; 3) The food-supply lines are not under particuarly heavy attack, certantly no greater than anywhere else in the world; 4) US troops were not invited by Somalia, or any Somalian regional councils or authorities; in fact, Somalis were themselves specifically not invited to participate in any talks concerning armed intervention; 5) Troops are used to disarm all resistance to the imposition of a US-mandated central authority; and 6) The US, along with the former USSR, is responsible for arming Somalia to begin with, arms the US troops may soon be facing in battle.

What are capital's real goals in Somalia? In a phrase, the recolonization of Africa, which includes: 1) establishment and strengthening of military bases; 2) dumping of toxic wastes; 3) rolling back the successful liberation struggle in Eritrea and the growing movement in northern Somalia; 4) guarding the oil shipping lanes; and 5) deepening the "proletarianization" of the African working class in order to generate cheap, dependable labor and the extraction of precious natural resources.

Thus far, the meaningful ways in which daily life is organized in Somalia's supposedly "chaotic," decentralized traditional villages have circumvented most prior attempts by international capital and colonial powers, unloved, uninvited and making no pretext of their need for a non chaotic central authority, to impose capital's wholly unnatural rhythms on African life.

The US, under the pretext of feeding starving people (a situation it caused, along with the IMF and World Bank, to begin with), is attempting to use its might to "Latin Americanize" Africa by busting apart the communal village networks once and for all, as England had done to collective usages of land at home by military enforcement of the Enclosure Acts of the 1600s, making the continent fit for capitalist accumulation. The New World [Bank] Order's hot toxic breath is blowing up the hunger in the sands.

Excerpts from the UPDATE ON THE CURRENT SITUATION OF AUTONOMOUS AND ANARCHIST DETAINEES AND POLITICAL PRISONERS AS OF 14 JUNE 1993

From: Members of the Peruvian Solidarity Project

Peruvian anarchist Victor Hugo Navarro Huarmiyuri was detained in the custody of DINCOTE, the anti-terrorist section of the Peruvian National Police, on Sunday May 9, 1993 while leaving the maximum-security prison Miguel Castro-Castro in Lima, Peru. Victor was visiting anarchist political prisoner Andres Villaverde Aguilar. Victor was detained along with an older brother of Andres, Juan Villaverde Aguilar. A third person, Pablo Salazar Devereaux, a Peruvian-American involved with the Love and Rage Network, was with Victor and Juan at the time of the detentions. Although Pablo wasn't detained at that time, an arrest warrant has been issued for him by DINCOTE. All three are being investigated as possible members of PCP-Sendero Luminoso (Peruvian Communist Party - Sendero Luminoso), the Shining Path. As anarchists, Pablo, Victor and Andres clearly do not support the authoritarian PCP-SL nor would they ever be members of it. Juan is also neither a member nor a supprter.

Both Victor and Juan Villaverde were released from DINCOTE custody recently. Charges have not been pressed against either of the two, but it is unclear whether further legal action against them is possible. It is not known whether action will be taken against Pablo.

Victor and Juan were arrested upon leaving the prison. All visitors are required to fill out a detailed entrance form and give fingerprints, pass several security checkpoints and finally are strip-searched before entering the prison (sometimes including a full bodycavity search). The exit procedures are similar. Pablo was searched first, and, as nothing unusual was found in his possession, he passed on to the next check-point. However, a letter from Andres to an anarchist friend outside the prison was found in Victor's possession. Although the contents of the letter are uncertain, the mere possession of such a letter is a serious violation of prison rules. Upon searching Juan, prison security discovered several photocopied articles about the International Campaign for the Release of Andres Villaverde Aguilar from the Love & Rage Network.

Both Victor and Juan were detained for further questioning and were taken to DINCOTE headquarters. The prison security didn't realize that Pablo was with Victor and Juan and he was able to leave the prison without problems. The next day, May 10, DINCOTE searched Victor's residence and El Hueco (The Pit), an alternative culture center. Pablo left Peru the morning of May 11, on a flight he had scheduled earlier. Later that day, however, an arrest order for Pablo was issued by DINCOTE and the police at the airport were ordered to detain him if he tried to leave the country. DINCOTE seemingly is (or was) unaware that Pablo had left Peru already, and on May 13, they ransacked the houses of his uncle and his cousin. Currently, DINCOTE agents in unmarked cars are waiting outside those houses to arrest Pablo should he return.

However, the investigation against Victor, Juan and Pablo is complicated by the fact that the agent in charge of the investigation, Lieutenant Minaya, believes that the involvement of Pablo in this matter as well as the presence of photocopied articles from Love and Rage points to an international connection. It is commonly assumed by Peruvian security forces that all solidarity work with Peru is directed by pro-Sendero groups. Lieutenant Minaya intends to investigate this supposed connection. It is quite possible that DINCOTE will try to characterize the entire Peruvian anarchist/autonomous movement as pro-Sendero and will increase the repression against them. Also, Andres's lawyer is concerned that this investigation will adversely affect Andres's upcoming case; it is possible that Andres's case could be heard as early as this July by a Tribunal Sin Rostro (Faceless Tribunal) -- special courts established after President Alberto Fujimori's coup in April 1992 and composed of three hooded judges who try cases of accused terrorists. Andres is mistakenly accused of being a member of the PCP-SL. Already

the accused are denied almost all rights in these tribunals and almost no evidence is needed to be convicted. This investigation could be construed as additional evidence against Andres.

Interested parties should contact: The Peruvian Solidarity Project PO Box 3 Prince Street Station; New York, New York 10012 USA, Telephone & Fax: 212-460-8390 E-mail:loveandrage@igc.apc.org

NOTE: The Peruvian Solidarity Project does not support the PCP-SL and will not work with any groups which do. This should not be surprising, but it is very important to state. Our Peruvian anarchist/autonomist friends have been very clear that any work that supporters of Andres do with PCP-SL, or the RCP here, will be extremely harmful to Andres's case. There exists the possibility of giving the impression that the entire Peruvian anarchist/autonomist scene is supportive of PCP-SL. They are not and we are not.

LETTERS - LETTERS - LETTERS - LETTERS

CONSPIRATORIAL NOTE: *Our unofficial letters policy has been that if you send us something interesting, we'll print it, unless you request otherwise. Because we now get insane amounts o' mail, we're a bit more selective, so please indicate if you do or don't want it printed. We won't print full names and addresses unless you request otherwise. Sometimes we edit for errors, space, redundancy, or out of spite (just kidding), but we always try to keep the content.*

Oh yeah, we of course don't always agree with what gets printed here, and in the past we have usually refrained from comment because we believe our wonderful audience is very much able to think for itself. However, some letters lately have been just begging for a reply, and there's always the chance that some of you might actually be interested in seeing how we reply, so we will sometimes proceed to throw our know-it-all, smart-ass edit-terror-ial comments after a few letters.

Hello there all,

Well, talk about the shitrain came down -- Brixton hasn't been a very good place to be for the last two or three months. First up, loads of Brixton Hunt Sabs got busted two or three times at different sabs. Some of them have very heavy charges (violent disorder -- Section 2 of the Public Order Act) too.

Then the 121A Centre, 12 years old this year, got burgled (by fascists, we presume) and all the contacts got taken -- basically public knowledge, i.e. P.O. boxes, etc, but scary. Then on Easter Monday, some fascists (?) tried to burn 121 by trying to pour petrol in and torching it. Really luckily, the neighbors heard them and challenged them, making them disappear sharpish. The next day, a big squatted block of flats got raided by the cops in Acre Lane, Brixton. Fourteen people got arrested for stealing electricity, etc.

Today, Thursday, April 22, a squat in Brixton got the dawn knock from the cops, too! I hope no other places got done, as I've been working in the Infoshop and haven't been able to contact folk.

At our place, Infoshop, things are okay despite having to secure the place a lot more. The fascists have been really going for it. Basically, this CI8 lot have been monitoring and gathering intelligence and going out to attack: the Birmingham Democratic Left shop attacked with fire, Anti-Apartheid meeting in Blackburn smashed up with ANC speaker having his arm broken.

Right now things are just up in the air while everyone tries to find out who and what is going on. SEARCHLIGHT, a UK ant-fascist paper, has just brought out a "CI8 Exposed" issue which names the leaders and footsoldiers. Hopefully, we can now all calm down a bit and try to react appropriately.

The Nazis are holding an anti-IRA march in London on April 25, the first time for ages they've tried to publicly march (except for annual Remembrance Sunday). A counter-demo is organized to try and "take" their meeting point. More news later.

What's up in Chicago? What's new? W.C.F. is just a classic, we love it. Issue 8 was very hefty indeed. The new CONTRA-FLOW will be out soon with stuff on Brixton raids etc.

Keep well, love and mega-solidarity to you. - Chris

Greetings WCF-ers, Jan 17

Thanx much for Issue #8! I would

LETTERS

especially like to complement you on the article that appeared under the column "We Never Sleep." It is always good to see an A-ist "zine" offer practical means of dealing with situations that affect the vast majority of folx daily, such as "work." Below are few other suggestions for work-place resistance:

*SICK-IN: to protest unsafe or unhealthy conditions, workers could all report to the company nurse or supervisors and complain of similar symptoms or ailments.

*SICK-OUT: (the strike without a strike) What if everyone called in sick on the same day? If a different department phoned in sick each day, the whole company would be crippled, with workers only losing one day's pay!

*BIG MOUTH: Tell everyone, including the press, what a crummy job you have and what an asshole your boss is. This could be carried out as an information picket.

*GOOD WORK: Shoddy goods and services only wind up hurting consumers (who are usually working folx). So why not provide better products and services than the boss intends. Of course, this would require more materials and time, costing them money.

When it comes to the work place, not enough can be said about the need to organize and to build solidarity. After all, if people learn to act together for their mutual benefit on the job they will be more likely to do so in the community as well. Also, the state can't function if everyone refuses to work!

For the sake of clarification, the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) is not an anarcho-syndicalist organization, but is instead "politically neutral." As you correctly stated, the Workers Solidarity Alliance (US section of the IWW) is anarcho-syndicalist.

Keep up the good work, or should I say Anti-work? Everforward,
B.C.

So Jess 'n' i hitched to NYC, hung out w/da Love 'n' Rage kidz, flew to Paris, hitched to Roma (making about a total of 1800 miles in 10 days (DAZE?)). We've been @ Forte Prenestino - a squatted social center in an old fort in Roma. At the moment we're aways south in Foggia, @ a squatted social center in a swimming pool complex built by the fascists. It's really cool and the people here are a lot of fun. This place is (almost) entirely anarchist, whereas Forte is at least half communist. Dumpster Nation in full effect - we got the leftover pizza after the places closed the other night. We've been surviving on bread, pasta, and fruit. Folx here don't have a lot of opportunity even if they wanted to be part of the mainstream. No jobs, no gov't assistance, no housing, etc. Jess 'n' I are planning to go to Valencia Tues (4/6). We need more places like this (social centers) in the U.S. We're here at the pool because it's its one year birthday as a squatted social center. It was empty for 14 years before that. It's big - they have big shows in the pool, and smaller shows downstairs where there's also a kitchen/bar. Italy has been (is) fun & inspirational, but it'll be good to go to Spain so we (I) can at least communicate on some level w/o relying on their speaking english, or those who do acting as translators. I'm working on a collage travel-log, and I've photocopied the first two pages to send to U's.

AAAGH, I wish I fuckin' spoke Italian. People are asking me things and I don't know what they're saying. I can't believe we hitched 1000 miles thru 2 countries where we didn't speak the languages and made it in 3 days, or at all really. More later, I suppose. U - Jean

WCF Note: We received two letters from the same anonymous person but for lack of space we had to omit the second one. If you want a copy of the second letter, just send a stamp with a note asking for a copy.

Dear Wind Chill, I am responding to your response to the letter I wrote anonymously. I pointed out that fucking up a stranger's car was a bullshit act, and that rationalizing that action through ideological arguments was a bunch of crap. I am afraid that your criticism of my privelege in Society is a feeble attack, because the fact is I don't even own a fucking car, property, or anything of value. Your hysteria about a class war is justified, but your means of fighting it are no more sucessful than Manson's Helter Skelter. Your smashing that car window because "I know the person to be part of a ruling elite" is pure rationalization. How do you know that car doesn't belong to someone from an oppressed economic class? Just what the fuck do you know about legitimate direct action utilizing resources that are not only available, but also very effective when presented in a manner that can be comprehended by the oppressors. Your comments about the LA riots is another slanted view that ignores Black on Asian oppression, and the fact that more poor got fucked over during the riots than the so called ruling class. That reality would, of course, undermine the structured world view you have where everything fits into neat packages that can be argued to justify acts of violence. You said that I didn't offer solutions in my letter. Here are things that I have personally done to resolve many of the conflicts that are inherent in our society. As a reference librarian I did extensive referrals to people so they could utilize needed resources that were available, but not advertised, by social agencies funded by government funds. I networked people through word of mouth advice, and I showed people reference tools they could utilize in a library setting, and how to use them. In another library position I was in I maintained contact with individuals who were too sick to go to work, protecting their health insurance by keeping in contact with their family and friends, and writing several articles which were published in underground publications dealing with AIDS and the issues that resulted from these related issues. As an ESL instructor I explained to students not only how to look at AIDS as a legitimate threat that can be prevented, but also how to buy spermicide to go with their condoms. I have watched people in economically depressed streets take back their neighborhoods (I lived in a Black neighborhood in N.J., which makes me ask the person who wrote the response to my last letter the simple question of how they fucking knew I was white, for isn't making that assumption a form of short sighted racial stereotyping, when I could have been any color, had any job, been of any economic bracket, and simply didn't think it was right for some suburban white boy to fuck up my car because he couldn't afford one like it, thought I'd do my own stereotyping there...) through political action utilizing lobbying, political campaigns, and news media in creative and effective ways. Also, it is easy to jump to conclusions and rationalize political change through theory, but when I see some white guy handing out pamphlets to people in an economically depressed neighborhood, I think there are better means of education. It would be more effective to educate through literacy programs, to take the time to educate one on one in tutoring programs. But that takes time, and all too many political theorists don't have the time to do the things that can bring about effective political change. While I agree the police can be fucked up assholes, I sincerely doubt that your optimistic view of humanity would last long without them. If someone suddenly decided to squat in your apartment because you have a place to live and they don't, you would start to see first hand how easy it is to theorize about these matters when they aren't an immediate threat, or have a concrete existence. If the squater refused to leave, and started accusing you of tossing them into the because you simply don't understand what it is to be oppressed, accusi you of being an oppressing force because you have and they don't and y don't want to share or help out those more unfortunate than you, then maybe you would be forced to examine these things a little closer. If that squatter ate up your food, and thought nothing of fucking up your records and books because they were bought from capitalistic pigs exploiting the masses, would you remain silent and accept the accusations. If your apartment was burned down, your windows broken, because you had and they didn't have, would you accept that as a justified political action that would effectively fight the system that oppresses, or would you get pissed off. If you went out to your car and found the windows smashed because you have a car and someone else doesn't, would you be existential about it and say that it is simply another neccesary step for political change, or would you want to know who the fuck it was that fucked up your car. The problem is its too easy to justify violence, to make up excuses not to help out in literacy programs, to not use legitimate political action and media, because that takes a lot of work. Handing out pamphlets, theorizing, and rationalizing vandalization, is too easy, and ineffective. Direct action that is constructive takes a lot more than theory. It takes work, time, energy, devotion, determination, education, and a drive most people lack. While you may perceive me as being a white priveleged member of society defending my property and wealth, the fact is you are doing less with your theory and your so called direct action damaging of car windows than I am with utilizing the means I have, and working in positions that allow me to help others benefit from programs and means that are readily available. I am not against you and your ideas, and I have little property to protect, but I am firmly convinced that anyone who damages someone else's property is an asshole, and no amount of political theory or rationalization is going to convince me that smashing out a car window is adirect political action. Anonymous

*WCF Response: i think this discussion needs some clarification. Your accusation that we advocate "fucking up a stranger's car" comes from Jacinto's article in WCF#6 about gentrification. One of jacinto's options towards fighting gentrification was "outright violence. Destroy their businesses, homes, cars, all of the materialistic possessions that they value." "They" refers to those "yuppies" **who are complicit in the gentrification process** (at the beginning of the article, jacinto states he is generalizing for the purpose of clarity, and gives an admittedly not-perfect definition of "yuppies" as "the new people, usually but not exclusively white, with middle-upper incomes that are moving into the neighborhood").*

We have never advocated blindly destroying "stranger's cars". We do advocate direct action that is well-planned, thought out, and has a definite political target and message. In the case of fighting gentrification, this would entail targetting parties who are complicit in the gentrification process. This means knowing who owns the car/property/whatever, being clear on your reasons for striking at them, and making sure the message is clear. Otherwise the action is pointless. If you had paid attention to past issues of WCF with articles on this subject, you would know that we advocate leaving some kind of message (graffiti, whatever), if the point of your action isn't immediately clear.

For you to dismiss our arguments as a "political rationalization" is insulting and hypocritical, and says that you can't even argue our points, but only attempt to discredit them with shallow words. How can we have a debate when all of our arguments are dismissed as such, but yours are mysteriously valid (even tho they come from your political viewpoint, as our arguments come from our politics). Likewise, "slanted view" is another meaningless buzzphrase used to attempt to discredit us. Every opinion is "slanted", yours in one way, ours in another. That's why we publish our views in a zine (as well as your letters).

To answer your comments about the LA rebellion, I will quote from a deonstructed worldview offered by the Surrealist Group of Chicago in their broadsheet: "Three Days That Shook The New World Order":

People who find themselves in a cop-free environment for the first time, conscious that they are freer than they have ever been in their lives, cannot be expected to be exemplars of free human beings in a free society, for into their first tentative experience of freedom they bring with them a lifetime's accumulation of unfreedom. It would be absurd to believe that those who have been bound their whole lives will, at the moment their fetters are suddenly and unexpectedly shaken off, immediately move with a dancer's grace. No, they will not always do the right thing, and some will inevitably commit terrible wrongs. That excesses are a part of every rising of the oppressed is a truism—the American Revolution of 1776 was full of excesses—and only lickspittles of the status quo could denounce such uprisings because of the excesses of a few.

What is important is not merely to condemn brutality by those who rose up but also, as Sister Souljah observed at the time, to place such excesses in the context of the larger brutalizations which are everyday occurrences in U.S. cities. This alone can help us all to try to avoid them in the future. In any case, let us not lose a sense of proportion. The excesses committed by L.A. rebels were hardly the most remarkable developments in the rebellion there. Hysterical denunciations of violence by those who rule ring especially hollow. America's CIA President and the news-commentators who followed his orders tried to convince us that four Black men accused of beating a white truck-driver in the first hours of the L.A. uprising are among the most fiendish ogres of all time. To put this in perspective, one has only to consider how many lost their lives in any given hour of "collateral damage" in the 1991 U.S. massacre of the people of Iraq.

COP = ENEMY

Actually, I never said that "you didn't offer solutions" in your letter (although your defensiveness is correct, you didn't). We do applaud the work you (and everyone else, in all the different ways) have done to change society for the better. Not to say either, that we will not be critical of others. Many of your criticisms, however, exhibit macho posturing, are groundless, ignorant or non-critical of existing power relationships, and based in insipid black-and-white theorizing. I would suggest you get to know us and what kind of work most of us do (and perhaps, actually read some of our literature) before you go off on another self-righteous lecture. I would also point out that direct action is only one part of our political theory and concept of revolution, but seems to attract a disproportianate amount of attention and criticism due to people's weakness towards spectacles and the threat such actions pose to power and privelege.

By the way, this city white boy knew you were white cuz he knows who you are. See ya.

(Another "by the way" from another Wind Chiller - no I am not, nor are most of the others who work on this zine, from the "priveleged classes". I'm sick and tired of people making that assumption and I actually find it classist to do so because it implies that folks from a more working class-type background aren't capable of being radicals.)

WCF

I have followed the discourse between the ECOAS and WCF/Baklava regarding the thinking faction [see WCF #6 & #8] and have come to the following conclusion:

1) When the practical implications of an intelligent critique hit too close to home, suddenly further discourse "seems pointless."

2) When anyone expresses their rejection of any limits, authorities or worthless forms of activity that another is not prepared to seriously question, they are practising "intellectual authoritarianism."

3) When a critique is expressed a bit too precisely with clear practical implications and is aimed at one of one's pet projects, then it is skillful manipulation of words that does not "put forth new ideas or practical ways to turn theory into practise," being purely for "the debate."

The WCF response to "Autopsia de un Fantasma" by the ECOAS was patently and seemingly intentionally stupid. While it's true that ECOAS refuses to stoop to the pedagogic practise of using an over-simplified language that would obscure much of their critique, their language is quite clear - and if WCF/Baklava can't figure out the practical implications of ECOAS's critique, you are not merely idiots - you are mindless sheep incapable of an anti-authoritarian practise of any sort.

Before exposing your stupidity too often, you might as well get a few things straight: (I though we were too stupid to get anything straight? - ed.)

1) One cannot be an academic elitist unless one is part of the academy (i.e., the university system).

2) The situationists were not mere armchair theorists. Both in pre-S.I. days and as members of the SI, they pulled off some of the most daring and truly radical direct actions I've heard of - as well as being actively involved in lumpen/petty crime circles. And the SI and sit-influenced Enrages played a major role in the insurrection in France in May, '68. Though there is much to critique about the sits, they were hardly "armchair theorists with no practical alternatives...aiming to flaunt their position in the Intellectual Heirarchy."

3) Intellectualism is not the intelligent use of the most precise words to express oneself. It is an ideology which separates intelligence from life. So anti-intellectual activist ideology is as much a form of the ideology of intellectualism as is academicism. WCF/Baklava have expressed precisely this ideology in this exchange. ECOAS has not.

There is nothing honorable or radical about stupidity. If you need video to mediate your discussions, you are plainly either unable or unwilling to discuss your daily life. Which means you have a corpse in your mouth.

For a theory that is practise,
Feral Faun

P.S. Of course, I know this is "over-intellectual masturbation," so excuse me while I cum all over the page.

WCF Response: Oooooh, Baby! Let's just hope we don't catch anything...

Our point was that we don't need video to mediate our discussions, which we have quite often nowhere in the vicinity of a tv. While tv is a drug and video viewing is not exactly a personally interactive phenomenon, we feel that using videos to draw people, distribute information, and provide a context for discussion is not an inherently flawed act. We seem to have survived multiple Thinking Factions without becoming TV junkies, dupes of the system, or otherwise disabled (our opinion, of course...). I fact, we interacted with a multitude of new people and had several stimulating and productive debates and discussions to boot.

Please, pick apart each and every word of this reply too. We'd love the debate to continue plowing up insults forever.

Dear friends and comrades hello again. I send you the latest issue of the "Demon". A lot of information comes from your magazine: about L.A. riot and the gangs, about the "BULLS riot" of Chicago, ALF, anti-KKK action, riots at N.Y.

Here in Athens the situation is very "hot". During a two-days clash between anarchists any M.A.T. (special anti-riot police) at 16-17 of November: the Ministry of Commerce, 3 banks, 5 ticket-stands of the "Company of Urban Transportation" (the transportation workers are on strike since August) and the central Post Office of Athens were attacked with molotovs and set on fire. 16 comrades were arrested at the 17 of November (anniversary of 1973's riot against the military junta. Then more than 50 students and workers were murdered by police and army forces. After 9 months the "democracy" was "restored" but since today the 70 of November is a day of riot and resistance against authority. During the riot-anniversary of 1980, two comrades - Kumis and Kanelopoulu - were beaten to death by MAT. 5 years later, a 15 years old anarchist Mihalis Kaltezas was murdered by police). All the arrested comrades are under 20 years old and we are doing the best we can to get them out of prison. (The photo I send you is a ticket-stand on fire)

I hope I will hear from you soon.
Kostas

Sex!

Info for you from Ella Spree

Ahh, springtime in the city, in thru the nose, out thru the mouth. All that fresh air and the suggestion of warmer temperatures brings out that unbridled horniness that comes with the sight of so many sun-starved limbs venturing out from under longjohns and tights. Nothing like it, warm weather and gettin laid just go together like at no other time of year. Of course, hand in hand with gettin laid is gettin pregnint, at least if you are sleeping with someone who doesn't share your gender, and gettin pregnint is a bummer. How many times have I prayed to the 8-ball, o magic 8-ball, am I pregnint? (TRY AGAIN LATER) So far I've been either lucky or infertile, but ya never really know, is what gets me wideawake and paranoid some nights. And all of our contraceptive options are such a pain in the ass.

Diaphragms can be fun for little frisbie games but they're essentially a drag, and I know plenty of women who've been unlucky (ie, pregnint) with diaphragms. Same with the cap and sponges. I personally have some kind of 'special' cervix that makes diaphragm use a dangerous option for me, but no practitioner ever told me until this year--about my 8th exam.

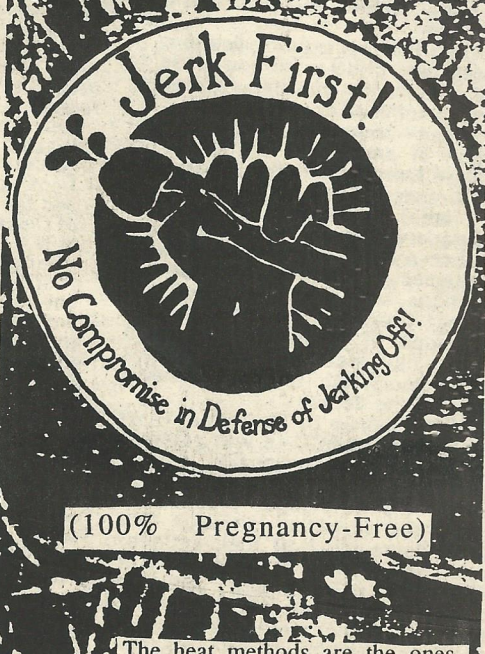
As for the rhythm or other natural methods (count 'n pray), forget it. So what are we left with? Well, for gals there's the Pill, or the Boyfriend's Dream. A womyn once told me how her lover snuggled up to her flat chest and wistfully said, "Awww honey, remember when you were on the Pill and you had breasts? That was great."

My male roommates all think the Pill is cool. "You don't have to do anything and her boobs get big." Yeah, and she goes nuts. I've been on the Pill, and it was ok when my body was still settling into its own kind of femaleness, but later I found it unnatural and intrusive. I had sore, enormous breasts, queasiness, mood swings that overshadowed global warming and a cuddly 5-7 extra pounds. But hey, I could fuck whenever I wanted! Except, of course, the Pill also sorta took away my horniness, so I didn't really want. Cute. And there's Norplant, which I guess is a kinder, gentler Pill, and the morning-after pill. And for a long time we had IUDs (Intra-Uterine Devices), which make your uterus fall out. (IUDs are no longer prescribed in this country; my mom's uterus was one of those sacrificed in the generation-long testing period.) Oh yeah--there's always sterilization.

But what about guys, Ella? Aren't they one-half of a cross-gender relationship? Don't they have any say in this arena? Well yeah, but it's usually not much. Let's see, there's of course always condoms (which OF COURSE all you horny springtime folks would be stupid not to use in your first few sexes--this column is mainly directed at monogamous types) but condoms bug us. Guys complain about sensation loss, plus rubbers kind of are, uh, inconvenient. (As with diaphragms however, here is a perfect opportunity to scratch that itch to be an organic puppeteer.) Then there's withdrawal--'I'll only put it in a little bit.' Ha ha. Oh yeah, and sterilization.

Well, Ella Spee has some happy annual springtime contraceptive news. Last year Ms. ran a blurb about male contraception, and included an address for more information. I shot off a note to Elaine Lissner, at the Male Contraception Information Project and she sent me, free of charge, valuable information about male birth control methods contained in 2 articles (titled Frontiers In Nonhormonal Male Contraceptive Research and Latex and Hormones Aside.) These are methods that Elaine says don't get the research dollars because researchers are paid to develop expensive products that they can charge us a lot of money for, like Norplant and the mythical male birth control pill. Even condoms cost a lot, unless you hook up with some kind of comdom distribution program--easy enough in the big city, but I know that in the small town where I grew up there are no such existing programs and condom giveaways do NOT happen in the schools.

Elaine separates the methods into 2 categories: vas-based methods where somehow the sperm is blocked or killed as it travels down the vas deferens, and heat methods, which concetrate on raising the temperature within the testes enough to kill the sperm there. The best of the vas-based methods is styrene maleic anhydride, or SMA. SMA is a polymer that a doc injects !ouch! into the vas deferens. The sperm swim by the SMA, die, and whoosh thru sex in a non-pregnating manner, without any blockage of the passage. This method is completely reversible via the injection of the bioacceptable solvent dimethyl sulfoxide or the patient can let the polymer dissolve naturally in his body and enjoy a gradual return to fertility. It is possible to set the rate, and depending on the dosage administered, the time needed to dissolve can be anywhere from 3 months to 5 years. Elaine gives SMA the gold star for vas methods. Unfortunately, these methods need to be researched and tested, and approved a few more years before becoming available to individuals who have the financial wherewithal to afford the doctor's visits.



The heat methods are the ones I'm excited about. Cheap, cheap, cheap. Mr. Man sits with his balls in a hotbath (116 degrees F, less than 20 degrees higher than body temperature) for 45 minutes every day for 3 weeks, and hey! 6 months of infertility! I couldn't think of a better way to watch Star Trek, on every weeknight at 6. (The Next Generation, of course.) A Swiss doc named M. Voegli taught this method to men during famines in India between 1930 and 1950. Voegli reported no substantial adverse side effects during this time. I don't know what kind of side effect Voegli considers substantial, but it probably can't beat the nasty Pill-related stuff.

So maybe some of you tuf punx think a hot water bath is inconvenient--but it's free, it lasts 6 months, is separate from sex (unless you want to incorporate it) and appears to be safe and effective.

Or how about this one:warm, tight underwear, also known as artificial chryptorchidism. (Chryptorchidism is the condition where the testes fail to descend into the scrotal sac.) A good winter method, this. Sperm motility is reduced by 45% using this method, well within the range of what is considered infertility. And while many men fear that this method woud cause jock itch, the volunteers for this study have reported none. The French doc Roger Mieusset has developed a method where Mr. Man wears underwear that snugs his testes up close to his body, but the penis is free to wander.

Finally, there's ultrasound. These are the same types of waves that scan uteruses for fetal information during pregnancy--but for some reason, many men I talk to balk at that thought of ultrasounding their testicles. What the fuck, guys? It's o.k. to ultrasound a fetus or a uterus but not the family jools? Here's the deal: fertile man sits once again with his balls in a cup of H2O, this time in a doc's office. Doc points the magic ultrasound wand and presto! 6 months of infertility! The method is painless, and some men even report it as pleasurable. Boo! What's to fear? Of course, the government has effectively blocked any funding for this last, simple, obtainable method. Elaine is pretty bitter about it. I guess the only guy doing research was a doc named Mostafa Fahim, the Director of the Center for Reproductive Science and Technology at the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. He was doing a lot of work with China, but he stopped his research in 1980, for two reasons. First, there is no funding available. Apparently the U.S. government will not fund his collaboration with China because of China's stand on abortion. Second, the research environment dictates Fahim's actions. The university requires that the human trials deal only with men afflicted with testicular cancer, even though Fahim's research focuses on a return to fertility and not the safety of ultrasound, Elaine thinks that men who are planning vasectomies would be fine test subjects, and so do I but UnKKKle Sam don't, I guess. I think Fahim's working on roach spray now.

So, you cross-gender victims of springtime hormonal picnics, get a note out to Elaine! c/o MCIP, PO Box 449, Santa Cruz, California, 95061, and pick out whatever method best suits your needs! Control your life! Have relaxing, anxiety-free, uninterrupted sex! Ingest no more hormones! Dilute! Dilute! OK! And, as Elaine points out, wimmin have changed their daily routines & habits for years and years the search for the correct Magic 8-ball answer, so it's really not THAT much to ask. And if you complain my attitude is when was the last fucking time YOU prayed for the blood? Fuck off and take a step towards liberating yrself and yr partner. (Don't worry, I'll be out of this mood swing as soon as these hormones wear off..)

Letter From EX YUGOSLAVIA

Dear *Slingshot*,

I write you now from Vienna, in the offices of *TATblatt*, the local bi-weekly autonomous newspaper here. Such a beautiful office, all big and bright, wooden with info-shop, computers, archives — a dream space! Good people too. Me and M-- are recovering from the last four months in ex-Yugoslavia. We stayed in Ljubljana, Slovenia since May, doing some anti-war and refugee work there, and traveled throughout ex-Yugoslavia, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, etc.

In Ljubljana, we were involved with the peace center there, with local anarchists who are organising an info-shop located in an abandoned ex-YU army building in town. It is just opening and they need a lot of contacts to get it going. (Address at end of letter.)

Croatia

We were also working with some other anti-war groups in ex-YU. In Zagreb, Croatia, there is an anti-war center (Anti-Ratna Kampanje) where they are making an anti-war 'zine, working with refugees, making international connections, and doing conscientious objector stuff. They get a lot of pressure, doing anti-war work in a country which is supposedly under enemy attack, so their work is oft considered treasonous. Croatia is swerving wildly towards fascism. The ruling party is heavily militarist and closely identified with fascist ideology and paramilitary (HOS/ Ustasha) groups. The catholic church is extremely powerful, very right-wing. Fascist propaganda (using Rambo imagery) is everywhere.

There is a ruthless campaign against women in Croatia. The government is taking away abortion rights and has a campaign to take women out of the workplaces and back into kitchens (closing day care centers). On top of that is the militarist ideology of Croatian nationalism and the "duty of Croatian women" to bear children for the Fatherland. This ethnic purity thing and the swallowing of the lies of the military leaders is strong — many people, even "left" types won't have anything to do with their old Serbian friends and comrades.

The fascist parties/paramilitary groups were carefully cultivated by the Serbian government (under dictator Milosevic) for the last ten years. They were essential in starting the war, continuing it, and they are in their heyday right now. Give a man a gun, permission to kill, rape and loot, unlimited power — do you think he will be peacefully persuaded to give that up?

Serbia

It is even worse in Serbia, the state that is responsible for the war. The war had been carefully planned by the government for at least the last 10 years, and the level of brainwashing is astounding, worse than even USA! Important themes in the preparation of people for this war are the cultivation of a culture of paranoia about non-Serbians; a huge militarisation of the people and creation of a cult of respect for militarists; and most significantly, a situation of total impunity for all sorts of criminal activity.

There are elected officials (Sesenj), political parties/groups (Chetniks) who are murderous criminal psychopaths who could not normally function, except that this wartime situation, encouraged by the fascist government, offers men an historic opportunity to kill, rape and loot with impunity. These men get support from the government, media, international politicians, their weapons, and their terror takes them from the realm of crazy murderers and makes them truly influential and powerful, and as their political existence is dependent on a state of total criminal immunity, they do their best to continue this situation, and they will not give up.

In Serbia, the culture of male violence that has been created is really exploding right now. In every kiosk and street corner of Beograd are assaultive displays of hardest-core porn. Violence against women is at epidemic levels, and of course, totally unrecognised/invalidated by authorities. Men who abuse women are basically immune to punishment. There is only one crisis hot-line in all of Serbia, the only domestic service available, run by a handful of overworked women who struggle to keep it going.

Since the coup of 1991, there has been no political representation of women in government. As in Croatia, the same patriarchial war-time cultural values against women are in full force, in the government chambers, newspapers and on TV, women are urged to become incubators for more and more Serbian babies. In the war "fronts" muslim women are raped and imprisoned until they are too pregnant to abort, forced to bear "Serbian" babies — while the Serbian government speaks of the "rape of Serbia" by Albanian and Bosnian separatists. Rape is not considered to be a "war crime" by the West. Finally a cult of necrophilia ("our ancestors died on this soil") of the Fatherland, with its so-called "history," and ethnic identity. The obsession with the Death, and the only language spoken is that of violence and power, spreading like a virus.

I laugh to imagine that it all conveniently stops at the borders of ex-Yugoslavia. No, rather, the same species of violence is found all over Europe, west, the world. The fascist attacks on "foreigners" in Germany, Swiss, France, Austria, etc., are so remarkably similar in practice to the events which precipitated the total war in Yugoslavia. The cultivation of paramilitary groups, levels of "acceptable" public violence and government/media support with intellectual elucidation and support. Most antifascist people here have a very grim view of future events in Europe, the East and Balkan states, and for good reason. The dark clouds of fascism forming over Europe in the last 10 years are starting to storm.

Anti-war Activists in ex-Yugoslavia

Oops, I was going to talk about peace activists in Serbia. We met and worked with a good number of them, in Beograd, Vojvodina, Montenegro, Kosovo, etc. We spoke with people at anti-war centers, autonomous radio station, an anti-war magazine, feminists making anti-war politics, anti-war schoolteachers, anti-draft and military resistors, and student protesters occupying university buildings. Good people, most of them, and the anti-war folks have such a struggle! Especially with the government media monopoly and the sanctions against ex-YU. Activists in Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia, etc. are not able to communicate with each other by mail or phone. One of the most important and fun things we did was to personally carry mail and materials from people to people across ex-YU.

Anti-war activists in ex-YU are linking up by computer networks, distributing anti-war zines and papers, and through peace delegations from the West. There have also been meetings in neutral places (Austria, Italy, etc.) every few months.

I could go on an on with details, but I won't. Here are some addresses: 25 October, 1992

Center for Anti-War Action/ Prote Mateje 6
11000 Belgrade/ Yugoslavia/ tel: +38-11-431-298

Anti-Ratna Kampanja/ Tkalchicheva 38
41000 Zagreb/ Croatia/ +38-41-422-495

Infoshop Metelkova/ c/o Borut Brumen
c/o Peace Center/ Mestni Trg 13
61000 Ljubljana/ Slovenia/ +38-61-224-666

While the war in ex-Yugoslavia continues, we thought it appropriate to reprint this letter to Slingshot as it provides an interesting up-close account of the situation there.

While U$ intervention (for U$ interests, of course) has fortunately not taken place, it is interesting to speculate why: 1) While the U$ mouths sympathy for the Bosnian Muslims, it will not act in such "benign" interests because that is not what U$ imperialism really favors. The imbalance of power is much more enticing, and with Serbia favored as the victor, the U$ will continue to impose an arms embargo on the Bosnian Muslims and turn their eyes away from the rape and ethnic cleansing. As has happened in the past, such "humanitarian" aid will likely only come after the Bosnians Muslims have been decimated and served their role as pawns.

2) In order to not risk resistance at home, the U$ is only willing to engage in wars where they can mobilize overwhelming force, win easily, and get out quick and clean, thus not risking anti-intervention sentiment.

3) Many European nations have overlapping and competing interests in the conflict (for example, Germany wants access to a harbor in the Mediteranean and so supports Croatia), and for the U$ to meddle, would likely risk a larger conflict.

This conflict clearly spells out many difficulties for radicals, who would wish to stop the war, rape, and ethnic cleansing without calling for foreign intervention. The only clear course of action is targetting the UN to get them to lift the arms embargo in order to give the Bosnian Muslims a fighting chance. Providing practical support to anti-war groups and centers in ex-Yugoslavia, as well as promoting education on the real situation there is also important, thus we encourage you to write and support the contacts listed below. Also, a resource guide called "War and Peace in the Balkans" can be gotten for $1 from: Balkan War Resource Group, c/o WRL, 339 Lafayette St., NY NY 10012.

Finally, it is not well-known that fascist groups in Europe and the U$ (notably, WAR, the White Aryan Resistance) have been organizing material aid for Serb and Croat fascists and even sending mercenary groups down to help out with the ethnic cleansing. Thus it is even more important now to put pressure on fascist groups and keep them from providing such aid.

A new anarcho-pacifist group called ZAPO has recently formed in Croatia, and they have been doing anti-war protest work as well as publishing a 'zine, Comunitas. They're looking for contacts and material aid. Write them at:
ZAPO c/o ARK, Tkalciceva 38, 41000 Zagreb, Croatia. Tel: 041-422-495, Fax: 041-335-230.

Another contact for Serbia is: Uros Smiljanic, Sitnicka 36, 11040 Beograd, Yugoslavia, tel: 011-653-906

THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING LIKE AMERICA IN HISTORY

by Jesse spice

There has bin nothing like amerika in history. amerika is the planet's First Culture that is NOT based on culture. Let's skip the polemics: amerika as we kno it is JUST A European Business Enterprise That's IT.

There have bin consistent historical cruelties under Nations whose essence, self-worth and continuance as That Nation depended on rape and plunder—Saxons, Mongols, Romans, Apaches,,,—but they knew What They Were BESIDES that. amerika, instead, has NO OTHER defining character. amerika is a void into which any Human Story or Thing can be sucked, bleeding out only the Form, and not only that but JUST the Form that is Marketable.

just as what you will take from this writing is not necessarily What It Is, so too what is Marketable is not necessarily what people Want or Need most, but rather what they will put down cash for if given the Right Conditioning. you wanna get down TO it?-STRIP-MALLS are amerikan bead-necklaces, INSTANT-CHECK-DEPOSIT is amerikan prayer, TWINKIES are amerikan prasadam, amerikan tribal elders are, of course, TV SETS. you can go down the line of it, what is actually and singularly amerikan is ONLY Ways and Things That Make The Usury Go Better.

initially (in the 1600s & 1700s) this was only planned to be the usury of other peoples' land and—resources, and the lives of stolen Afrikans. but purely materialistic usury alone, even when practiced by spiteful and cruel people, CANNOT WORK without also expanding into the usury of Culture, and the derangement of ideology as well,—1 more proof that the Material IS the Spiritual (or whatEVER else you call "IT") despite what you marxists might think. Besides, the colonizers just really Weren't That Good at living on this land, planting corn, or getting thru the woods by themselves—they had to learn SOMEbody's Ways and they had to pretend that they WEREN'T.

see, it's just that a Feeling of Wholeness, of balance, of a Smooth Flow Between Self and World, a feeling that you Kno Whussup, that People Can Be Depended On, that your people are a mirror to your soul, just DOES NOT MAKE A GOOD CONSUMER. you' d tend to reuse things. you'd tend to make due. you'd tend to solve your suffering thru words, touch, dancing, somebody's Eyes 'stead of a new bag. you'd spend a day searching for a Certain Sound or Picture 'stead of them perfect shoes to go wit them perfect tights, an how bout a charcheddarcheesedog while we're at it.... (a'ight, you've heard this before, well,—)

POINT BEING--DISconnexion Sells. Alienation Sells. THE QUIK FIX is the Enforced Psychick Reaction To Pain engendered by amerika. i say ENFORCED. a system of laws and economic coercions ENFORCE a Psychick Situation, ENFORCE the dissolution of culture: This is why even the progressive element that has always existed in amerika to Resist the Combine don't ever WIN,—generally, they've broken into groups that fight on ONE, or the OTHER level, being incapable of the FULL REALITY real change would call for.

amerika as it stands is an Anti-Culture, but the breakup of communal Unity, the perpetuation of internal chaos, is ENFORCED by a Political/Economic reality. you don't confront the reality that fucked you up in the first place if you just Work On Your Own Karma, read Alan Watts and buy a Navajo Dream-catcher. but you also DON'T create ANY kind of revolution without first changing the WAY you think, the Reality in which you live. this doesn't mean just learning new Information that blows your mind (but that TOO)—to do this means Learning and Seizing the Process by which your mind is blown, and blowing it IN THE DIRECTION OF A NEW CULTURE. too few yoga teachers are anarchists, and think they CAN'T be; too few anarchists can make fun of "the fascist repressive state," or conceive that learning to dance or new forms of lovemaking deserve equal time with flyer-production (at LEAST!—shit, who wants to make flyers?,—well, unless you're Jacinto (ouchgotcha)).

we can't MOVE if we've bought the Western dialectic that chops up even Change, even Salvation, even Revolution, into ASPECTS, and by what is most personally comfortable or self-flattering people choose the ASPECT they will work on. People calling for a Foundation versus those Shaking The Foundation. People screaming FUCK THE SYSTEM versus those whining that—yes—even planting the corn you eat is a System, even YOU are a System, all that ever Exists is SYSTEMS, and i agree with All Of Them AT ONCE—meaning None Of Them, specifically.

There has bin nothing like amerika, even in the amerikas. there is no way, really, to Compare Oppressions, to Valuate Exploitations, but the plagues of conquest visited on America Central y Sudoamerica can't be thought of as Less Holocaustic than our state's. YET, in the campesino/dictator struggle, no matter win lose or continue, the campesino at least Has A Culture to Draw From. Mexican revolutionaries celebrated Aztec/Mayan/Yacqui roots, Brazilian activists ground their work, their community of struggle in West Afrikan Yoruba and Ashanti religions and culture, as well as indigenous traditions. this is not to say that Latinoamerican oligarchies haven't TRIED to eliminate the peoples' culture, outlawed Original languages, displaced living systems, etc., it's just that, as the people struggle, they at least HAVE the reference models, the ancient ways, the identity, the Common Sense—meaning the Sense of Community—no matter how damaged, To Go Back To. to move WITH. to step FROM—no matter where they end up stepping TO (remember culture is not Statick, it's just The Ground). white europeans landing in north amerika WILLINGLY GAVE UP their cultures and SOLD their destinies to the Market Forces of an Anti-Culture,-JUMPED in the Melting-Pot, WANTED TO BURN. (sensitive/offended whitefolk lissen-up: This, and ONLY this, is The Creation of a White Devil). taken collectively, white amerika trying to repair this is like waking up from amnesia in a bloody room with a knife. OK so maybe you're only the Child, or the Beneficiary, of that Amnesiac—still, What do you Say?

you'd think that, just on the first descriptions, looking at all the world's various systems for satisfying human needs, that looking at the Prime Directive of each of these systems for satisfying human needs would be a good place to start judging which ones we might Choose. and you'd think that, if you came across one that didn't exist to serve HUMAN NEEDS but rather to CREATE MORE CAPITAL, it'd be a dead giveaway. let's SKIP the economic Theory,—here's a Litmus Test: if you arrange who-eatswhat-when-and-who-doesn't based on What Will Enable An Imagined System to Create More Of The IMAGINARY TOOLS To Imagine Itself By, OF COURSE you will destroy culture, OF COURSE huge populations of people all over the world will continually Die for it, OF COURSE it will sustain itself on Alienation and Fear, OF COURSE it will run on Boom-Or-Bust—where PEOPLE Boom-Or-Bust Withit, according to SOME UNPREDICTABLE PATTERN, almost like a..like a.. Flame?..or a..or a..Consciousness?

people, there is no USE for the concept of a Devil except as an unknowable untouchable all-pervading Active Force whom masses of souls serve, who DESTROYS AND TORTURES THEM. anarchism is NOT chaotic—CAPITALISM IS CHAOS. we don't need to Redistribute the capital, we need to understand, and Act In Our Daily Lives as if we understand that—shhhhhhh—CAPITAL DOES NOT ACTUALLY EXIST oops i said it.

chillins, the Battle is both more FUCKED and more easily WON than it first appears. i repeat, THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING LIKE AMERIKA IN HISTORY.

Anti-Culture, becomes a Nation that must CREATE CULTURE for its own survival. out of WHAT? they have raped and daily spit on the Wommin Power, rendering her as sexless plastic. they have bent the minds and institutionalized the bodies of the Elders, rendering them as useless byproducts. they have killed, sickened, drugged with myths and alcohol, and made dependent colonies out of the Indigenous Peoples, rendering them weak. they have stolen More Than A Nation from the civilizations of Afrika, rendering them as niggers, a reflexion of their own hate. they have brainwashed, lied-to and whip-and-carrot-teased the children, rendering them Chasers of the Phantom of the Devil--not even the Devil itself—in the TV's light, MSG & druglaced deadmeat in hand. go down the line of it, but you Kno This Already. There has bin nothing like amerika in history, MEANS, that amerika as it stands WILL NOT BE DEFEATED EXCEPT BY SOMETHING THAT HAS NEVER EXISTED—YET. this is not the old yin and yang, brothers and sisters, this is not simple Oppressor versus People anymore. and no, we canNOT move against the Anti-Culture withOUT Every Element of Culture—psychick, political, economic, creative, mental, physical, interpersonal--UNITED in struggle. and no, we canNOT steal anymore for our Solutions, of the Problems came from Stealing. we canNOT exploit oppressed cultures for a foundation to OPPOSE the exploitation of culture. so give da Dream-catcher BACK: you don't fight HIV with insulin, B-2 Bombers with a .38, or THOUGHTS with Organizations, ONLY A NEW DAY FIGHTS A NEW WAY.

so what can we draw from?
NOTHING.
but that's ok.

see, we have to force a mutant weed to break ground siliconned over by a Strip-Mine. we have to paint pretty pictures on our TV screens.

we have to stop shaking hands—which is derived from European barbarians displaying that THERE IS NO WEAPON IN THEIR GOOD ARM holy fuck are we Monkeys?—and start shaking and rubbing Boodies instead. we need to go to prisons for a reminder. we need to watch Real Monkeys and learn about ourselves. we need to touch and smell bodies that are Highly Demographically Different from our own, in age/color/size/ chemistry/ thickness/class/attitude/history/memory, and also ones that are Alike—in gender. we need to learn to cook/swim/use a knife/write essays FREE OF BULLSHIT WESTERN COLLEGIATE STRUCTURE/play the didjeridoo/ orate/give head/play with children/ break and enter/fix a bike/make a furnace/plant and harvest/ organize successful hardcore shows (payback for the Jacinto jibe)/subvert gang-activity (talkin CIA, CPD, COINTELPRO)/ support gang-activity (Crips-Bloods truce, 12-member Chicago Treaty..)/ fart musically/make clothes/live together with other humans/use a gun/bind gunshot wounds/write stories/spraypaint..the Children of the Anti-Culture have the ONE PLANETARY HISTORICAL OPENING, as a collective People, to build a Global Awareness, a NONdenominational, NON-tribal Tribe FIRMLY ROOTED IN CHANGE. if all we have to build on, all that we hold in common, is a Loss of Identity and the Same Brainwashing, then that is ALL WE CAN START FROM, and that is ALL WE NEED:

a massive collective orientation towards:

1) RELENTLESS QUESTIONING
2) LOOSING EVRY STUCK VOICE
3) EXPOSING LIES AS THEY ARE TOLD
4) RUTHLESS INTERNAL QUESTIONING
5) CONNEXION
6) MERGING SEPARATED/ALIENATED ELE MENTS
7) EXPOSING AND SHREDDING IDENTITY MASKS
8) LOVEMAKING, and
9) ACTION

that's Enough: all the Ways of Living that derive from these, are as tight, self-sustaining and self-actualizing as those derived from any culture. the Anti-Culture, see, will ALWAYS DEFEAT CULTURE. but the Anti-Culture WILL BE DEFEATED BY WhAT IS BEYOND CULTURE—that is, WHAT IS HUMAN.

as it is, the rest of the world, sick and dying under the existence of amerika, will KILL IT OR BE KILLED eventually. we have, FORCED ON US, the opportunity anyone in the world could choose, to Accept the Choice or run screaming, and if we don't take it we deserve the living hell that will come upon us.

to instead be revolutionary in amerika, here, now, then, means REFUSE TO BE ANYTHING LESS THAN COMPLETELY COMPLETELY WHOLLY HUMAN. let's go

GO BUILD YOUR OWN FUCKING CAR

I'm really going to risk offending lot's of people with this I think. I mean, sometimes when you express an idea people get upset. Very few people have the ability to not freak out when an idea challenges the validity of there own notions. I am no exception. Anyway, tough shit.

I love it when a building closes, a factory closes down, or even when a mining operation folds. I hate industry. I hate when people come up to me w/ some sheep lefty paper telling me to support some strike. Of course I support worker's rights and a safe workplace. Somehow though, it seems that there could be some better goals to reach for these unions. Don't expect me to support some striking tractor company that produces the implements that deplete rainforests and build shitcheap prefab subdivisions on potential or once farmland, tell me you are working towards conversion. Turn the factory into a school, or a hospital. Something that we need.

I know that there are some great arguments for the other side. Like the reality that these big companies go to other countries to exploit land and people even worse than they do here. Also, that when domestic unions win it raises the operating costs of the companies and just forces them out of business anyway. When the unions win, it IS a good thing. Anyway, I get warm inside. We DO have enough produced NOW, probably too much. We don't need any more cars, or iron or copper, we have enough.

-Sedov Trevor Lucien-

Scattered Thoughts From the Scattered Brain of a Cabbie

One day, my first fare of the day was a woman who used to work at the Oscar Mayer factory down by Cabrini Green. The owners of the factory are closing it down and firing all the employees. This woman was four years away from retirement. She knew someone four weeks away from retirement - fired, no pension. This woman had arthritis from working in a freezer. Her hands were also wrecked with carpal tunnel syndrome as the machine she tended spat out one pound packages of hot dogs 90 times a minutes. As she said, she gave them her youth.

The next few hours all I could think about as I carted around the professional class in the Loop was this woman.

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Driving in the city is not a casual affair. Even though yer sitting on yer fat butt ya gotta keep on yer toes. Keep yer eyes peeled. Prick yer ears. Keep an eye out for trouble. Sniff out danger. Get a grip on it.

In other words, PAY ATTENTION. Spacing out is punishable by death, mutilation, or annoyance. Your mind has to focus on operating the machine you're inside of. Daydreaming has to take the back seat to the business at hand. Or as they taught me in high school - IPDE! IPDEfy your brain. Identify, Predict, Decide, Execute. Driving has its own system of thought. And a particularly imperialist system it is. Everything considered distracting has to step aside when IPDE steps in.

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I have thought about writing out all the reasons that driving a cab is a such ass hammer over head kind of job, but I don't have enough paper. But one of the reasons that it is a hateful heinous hatful of wage slavery is the propoganda you gotta sweat through. First off there's the whole YOU'RE YOUR OWN BOSS bullshit. Well, if I'm the boss whose the worker? When the Boss says you should work 12 hours today so you can make a decent wage, whose gonna work those 12 hours? And if I'm the boss how come I gotta pay some guy to sit on his butt and collect $58 a day from me? The other bullshit you get is that a cabbie isn't just an employee or a dredge or a slave or a tender of big ugly machines but that you're an AMBASSADOR for Chicago. An ambassador of goodwill and all that shit for the visiting tourists. Actually I knew this guy who took his role of Ambassador very seriously. One day he met a cabbie from Milwaukee, and these two Ambassadors negotiated a new treaty between the cities in which both cities agree to major renovation of the roads. Renovation actually isn't the right word. Destruction is better. The roads are to be plowed up and sown with seeds. The extra concrete ripped up is to be fed to politicans, judges and newspaper publishers.

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I told one passenger that i was going to Czech(oslavakia). She said, "Oh, I went there last year. Be prepared though because things run differently there. I rented a car and when I went to pick it up, it wasn't there. I had to wait four hours. They didn't even apologize. But that's because they lived under comunism. Here in America we have a service economy."

This was the first time I've ever heard anyone "on the street" say that we have a service economy. There's always gab in the media about it, but does this mean people believe it now?

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Last night I saw the play Hellcab. Very funny and accurate. And all you movers out there, I hope you saw Let the Dolly Do the Work at Curious Theater.

travellin'

a cab driver sees alot of things in a city like chicago. Some of it is beautiful but too much of it really hurts if you really look at it... I see concrete and metal canyons that shut out the huge strong trees that hold so much life. Never do I hear the beauty of a robins song. I look around and see tight repressed faces holding their actors masks, as they strive to stay on top of the turning wheel in their hierarchial jobs. I yearn for a softness and easy gentle rhythm, but it is hard to find. All around seems to be noise, violence, sadness, anger, and competition... I am a part of it and it hurts!!

It is so easy to be overwhelmed by all this. And many of us are. We turn to drugs, pornography, or various isms to somehow escape. But there is no escape other than to face the danger head on. To awaken! To climb out of this polluted morass they call "america." This we can do! (Note I specifically use the word "can" because language structures consciousness and can is a word of empowerment where as "should" or "must" has a legacy of authority). We can each take measure of our lives. For me the trail to a better way of being lies in building collective institutions... Why must our families be nuclear in nature? Why does our educational system have to be modeled after a damn factory? Could we not have work places where people cooperate and make decisions as a group through dialogue and listening to each others needs? Myself I ain't a goddamn chicken and I refuse to be a part of this pecking order they call "america the free!" I want to live in harmony with nature-spirit and build a society where the values of communalism, mutual aid, sharing, direct action, decision making by consensus and no hierarchies prevail. In short this vision is one of anarchist-communism with healthy doses of african and native culture thrown in.

How? How? How do we who are european descended begin recreating our culture? The answer lies in us. Who do we interact with? There are countless opportunities to plant seeds with each person that we meet... For example because I drive a cab I come in contact with probably 400 people a week. On the dashboard of my cab I have in individual 4 by 11 cards with various things written on them. The card that prepares the ground for the planting of seeds says this "this is an anteneo" - a place for sharing of ideas. You are encouraged. Followed by the @. People right away ask: whats an "anteneo?" So I explain to them that an "anteneo" is a spanish word and that they were the places in spain, previous to the franco dictatorship, where anarchists young and old met for cultural events, reading and discussing, literacy etc. Obviously this leads to a discussion of anarchism and its merits, and because I am personable and friendly and do not lay any head trips on folks; people perhaps say to themselves "this person is not necessarily a bomb thrower and I can talk with him." When I talk with people I try to encourage dialogue with questions going back and forth. This is not all ways easy. For in our society we have been taught to dominate and win discussions rather than to listen and facilitate learning and communication. I am still learning how to do this. Sometimes people truly hear me and when they do I give them a reading list and some anarchist literature. Most times they disagree with anarchism. Thats cool. Seeds have been planted and I suspect that in the years ahead that hard times can germinate those seeds in unseen ways!

Another card that gets lots of attention is: "is violence against wimmin a learned behavior?" Now the answer to this among most of us is obviously yes. But it encourages people to talk. Its interesting, a good many of the people that have picked up on it have been men. One guy, a corporate business man in his 40s, has been devastated recently to find out that a boyhood friend, a millionaire four times over, someone he admired, has been filming his 16 year daughter in "sex" scenes for distribution... So we talked about the role of the media in encouraging pornography-exploitation rather than the beauty of eroticism between adults. I don't know how other people feel but it seems to me that the so called "sexual revolution" has just led to more exploitation of wimmin and children. And given the capitalist-hierarchial structure of our society that ain't no surprise baby... Recently I picked up in my cab, a guy, hoarse voice, commodities trader. The image that comes to mind immediately is the fast lane, drugs and sex for this guy. I was wrong. This man was a recovering alcoholic who, through being around a lot of loving folks, was learning to care about himself and others, especially wimmin. For in his family as he grew up he watched his dad, an alcoholic, hurt his mom real bad. It was these images of beatings, the screams of his mom, the treating of her like a thing, a possession, that he was having trouble shaking. This man knew all ready too well the learned behavior of men in our society to violate wimmin!!

Its raining here in chicago. Normally I enjoy a gentle rain. But I feel no comfort, as the wipers of my cab go back and forth they often make me meditative. Not today. The rain and wipers are a driving relentless beat that focuses my attention on the faces I have seen of those who died recently in waco, texas. Those precious children with so many hopes. I want to vomit with rage! To strike back: upon my dashboard I have placed a card "people die in waco, texas: u.S. Government has excuses?" I want people to think. To feel. To plant a seed of revolt in peoples hearts. As I talk with folks I am surprised some are critical of the f.B.I. And the role of government. As one corporate guy said after we went back and forth over the issue: "keep the signs up." That made me feel good. I also had a guy and his wife from fox lake, il. She was a bartender and he a construction worker. Workin folks going to party at "butch mcquires" a "rush street joint." But they felt, they saw and knew that the government had screwed up.

But of course there are the others. Those who want to stick their heads in the sand. Who want to believe the ready excuses of this u.S. Government and the culture it represents. A society that has unleashed its viciousness for 200 years on the native peoples, the africans, the people of the philippines, vietnamese, the iraqis and on and on... And now as this u.S. Society becomes more fragmented and its people more depressed and disturbed strange things begin to happen.

The so called "white americans," the "mainstream," searches frantically for meaning in their lives and becomes involved in cults, drugs, whatever. In their endless, desperate path toward what they hope will be some measure of happiness they inevitably come in conflict with the almighty "state." A state, a culture of controllers that is becoming increasingly alarmed that its "white americans" just won't be satisfied. The controllers must stop the rising dissent for not to do so would in time reveal a truth, a truth that in time will become self evident to all that this "precious american system is foul and inoperable !!!

So much for my anger. It helps a little bit to express it but not much. The folks in waco, texas are still dead. And as I talk with people I try to point out; it is because of the very nature of these all powerful hierarchial institutions, be they family, the school, the economic institutions, or the state, that leads to awful repression. Once the wheels of power start turning they will grind down whatever gets in their way... There is a mind set, a culture, a rhythm of control that leads so called "good people" who are functionaries within the state to do terrible things. Throughout "history" we can see this... So people have said to me today "the f.B.I. Could have waited in waco,texas. They should have taken all the time in the world to get those children out safely." No way baby! Every state or institution of power has its breaking point, where if it does not keep moving and controlling it will contradict its very nature and begin to fragment... I think we will see more wacos the years ahead. The velvet glove that for so long only came off when dealing with "people of color" is now coming off more readily... Perhaps we who are of european descent can begin to awaken to the desperate need for the social re-creation of our culture that can take place!!

This process of talking with people and communicating the need for real social change is often frustrating, sometimes hopeful, but often sad, because I can feel the beauty of people and their opportunities for growth if they only awaken and see. The time is very short in our society. The devastation that we have done and continue to do to nature-spirit is a ticking bomb that will do us in as a species.

I suspect there will come a time when those who think like us will either be in jail or underground. Some of us are already... I worry that when the struggle takes on a guerrilla phase about whether you and I can keep our humanity and continue to grow and love. Or will we be consumed by bitterness and rage... But right now my role is to foster communication. To spread the beautiful seed of anarchist communism. Something that each of us can do!

Power with @
purple bruise

IDENTIFY

Lately I have been dealing with a familiar theme in no uncertain terms. Rebellion in search of independence. I don't quite understand everything I am, but I will not allow anyone to define me other than myself. This time the rebellion is against my newest relationship, the "Left."

There is here a slight difference from any other circumstance in that, by my own definition, I am actually a part of the Left, if even only by the fact that I am not a part of the Right. There is then, another apparatus that both of these directions hold, the structure, the bond that equalizes and equivocates.

In terms of the process in which many decisions are made, and the correlation to the effect that finances influence those decisions, there are too many similarities. Those who have their basic needs met, and then some, have a correlating amount of time on their hands. Those who struggle to meet debts have less time. The free time that we do have may be dedicated to the alleviation of stress rather than anything "productive."

As a result of this, those w/ more time and resources have a tendency to achieve more in a more visual context. A look at history may cause some to assume that since someone who has the time "achieves" more, they get to have some kind of authority over the rest of us who only work in the situation directly. It needs to be clear that this is a misconception. The idea that a privileged person can decide the direction of an oppressed person's liberation is ludicrous. This is a principle that the Left loves to espouse, but still too often abandons.

It also needs to be made clear that this tendency is one that transcends the political spectrum. The Right, the Left, the top, the bottom, the backwards, the forward, the upside-down, the sideways, with an apple in it's mouth over a bbq pit, all fall prey to this erroneous misconception. There is a communication gap between the financially assured Left, and the unendowed Left. It seems the bridge is beginning to creak.

The established Left makes it's claim that "the masses are apathetic" because of a lack of response to it's call. Perhaps it is not due to apathy, but rather due to it's own inability to communicate outside an archaic 60s language. When the newest generation of the discontented speak, they are classified as unmanageable, or unreasonable because of their anger. Proving just how out of touch the established Left is. There is more of a reason to be angry today than ever before. There are two major commonalities between the "leadership" on the Right and the "leadership" on the Left. Those commonalities are that both of these groups are financially endowed, and both see the "masses" as being sheep, and they behave obnoxiously as saviours. Marching around in circles at the command of some priest from Evanston, or some willing, bullhorn waiving paper-selling slave isn't going to cut it. We are preparing something greater, FOR something greater. But we bring with us a willingness to not be duped into thinking we know either the outcome, or the exact means of the outcome. We focus more on the destruction of the present system, rather than the creation of the future system. Knowing well that the two goals actually achieve themselves in unison.

The Sandinistas, the FMLN, the URNG, and even Sendero, all chose to begin their process of autonomy from their oppressor(s) through the means of taking back the land. Producing food outside the auspices of the bureaucracy in power was a means of personal empowerment, and survival independent of capitalism. Yet when Autonomy-seeking people plan and plant plots of food for these purposes, and espouse the desire to utilize land separate from a structure of power, we are taunted as being "hippies", idealists, or "middle-class misfits and malcontents", we're just "mad at our parents." One might retort that we have no right to associate w/ any of the Central American groups in terms of ideology. I would conclude that those groups had no fat appendage of the Right to discourage them in the name of the Left, as in terms of financial assurance the Left is no more than a pendulum swing from the Right, on the same clock, and I hope you might have an inkling as to what time it is. Any old lefties out there remember MOVE? We are not MOVE but we respect their approach, learn from it and make an effort. We didn't go off to college, eat a car and mow the dog.

It is in most regards almost fruitless to make the comparisons to Central America, as North America seems so much more complex in terms of class struggle. The overlapping of cultures and financial status doesn't produce nearly the homogeny one might expect. This fact to the detriment of the multicultural ruling class, as multinational solidarity seems to be a principle more and more people seem to be considering as viable. There is a person from this area, with considerable accumulation of experience, and an equally extensive knowledge of history who has said, (and whose name I will respectfully omit): "There is no paradigm for a revolution of the Americas." NO PARADIGM.

The reason that the comparisons with C.A. even arose is the fact that it seems the supporters of those movements are some of the worst critics of Autonomist struggles here. The more we speak of lessening our dependence on corporate food, the more we are scoffed. When we talk of the conservation of land that would arise from lessening our dependence on meat, which also creates a less threatening situation for indigenous people, we aren't taken seriously. Believe me, it doesn't take long before being laughed at by people who actually eat at McDonald's takes it's toll and a desire for intelligent conversation helps us realize our desire for collective living.

Build the collective.
The revolution started yesterday.
You're late.

In this urban setting there are several ways that we can undercut the control of the double-winged power structure. Collective living is a way that has been used in the past and is still being used. Squats seem to be spreading as well, despite the obvious criticisms. Some maintain that squatting by white punx is an exercise of privilege. It's hard to say, but I will maintain that the day could come when this type of living situation may become "acceptable." If this happens there will be no excuse accepted in not letting it be for ALL who would desire it. There are a lot of unused buildings out there.

One method I would like to see experimented with is large spaces rented by a few or more people. These spaces available here are huge and could provide space for everything from print shops, organizing centers, soup kitchens and spaces for fundrazors, all in one space. There is a space here in a storefront setting here in Chicago that charges up to 600$ to use the space for a fundraiser. These people call themselves communists or something. It's ludicrous and painful to watch the fucking circus they put on. If 4-6 people get a large warehouse space, furnish it, put some time in, space could be provided for such a purpose for next to nothing. When I suggest this to some lefties, I get the furrowed brow. I believe the reason for the stubbornness is the fear that there will not be an "acceptable" apparatus "controlling" the flow of information. We need to liberate ourselves from the limiting behavior and language of this mindchain.

If even one space like this could be used efficiently, in a multifaceted way, run collectively, with no decision making apparatus used except that which is determined by the needs of this starved society and the limits of the geography, we could free ourselves of so much of the muck, mire, and mystery of the trudging left.

We have to go back and remember how fear and mystery were used on us as children. In both public and private schools, those trips to the principal's office, or out in the hall to get your ass pummeled by a maniac with a flattened club. Remember church, and the mystery of the confessional, or the Pastor's office, or how about that fucked-up language that nobody on the planet speaks anymore except the tripping fucking Pope and Dan Quayle when he's in Central America?

Don't fall prey to the mystery of the Left, open your eyes and see for yourself. If you have the desire to effect the situation and some tweaked lefty says, "trust us", or "that's too radical", just remember that teacher, principal, priest, or cop. Stuff waiting for nothing. When this state falls, and the "left" builds a new one, WE'LL STILL BE HERE, fuck mystery! Takebackyerlyf!!

-Sedov Trevor Lucien-

KARL MARX
HAS NOTHING
ON YOU

-S.T.L.-

FLURRIES

If you don't like the news, go out and make some of your own.

Bulls Riot

The 3rd championship win by the Bulls brought celebration again to the streets of Chicago, which martial law did its best to suprress. For days ahead of time, public service messages and editorials "appealed" for "peace", as if the class war isn't being fought daily. To back up this "peace", the city sent over 5000 cops on the street, armed with riot gear, clubs, tear gas guns, dogs, and with the national guard on standby.

Areas of the city that had seen the most street fighting against the police and "redistribution of wealth" last year--mainly the W. Side--were clamped down on hard this year. The media boasted of having 4 to 10 cops on every corner, and some parts of the W.Side were completely shut down. This didn't stop groups of youth from engaging in hit and run attacks on the police, as well as mobile attacks--bricking cops from cars.

In some of the projects, the police backed up the CHA lockdowns with even more force. Youth in the Henry Horner Homes on the W. Side chased off security guards, only to have police completely go through all the buildings to re-impose control. At Cabrini Green, police tried to blockade people in unsuccessfully, as groups of youth clashed with the cops, unarresting friends, and broke through.

The heaviest resistance took place on the S. Side by State & Cermak, near the Ickes housing projects. There people poured out into the streets and for over 2 hours showered the cops with bricks and bottles. Police were forced to retreat 3 times against the assault, resorting to dropping tear gas from helicopters. Even nature was against them, as efforts to tear gas the crowds were thwarted as "the wind blew [the tear gas] back in our faces. You should have seen it. 40 cops in a White Castle and one bathroom." (Officer Lockard, quoted in the Tribune). While a number of stores were hit, the CHA lockdown was also targetted. The CHA maintenance office at Ickes was stripped clean and a maintenace truck smashed into the front of a lockdowned building. A garbage can was used to smash open the administrative offices, where equipment and files on the residents were destroyed. The battle around Ickes lasted until nearly 1am. Blacked out from the media are accounts of the buildings being gassed, messing with babies and people inside. People responded by firing shots at the police from windows and throwing more bottles.

682 people were arrested this year, while over 100 cops were injured, as last year. Media accounts try to downplay any rebellious motives of the people, labelling them as opportunistic hooligans and criminals. While much of the violence was definitely misdirected and tragic, it cannot be denied that much of the streetfighting that did occure was a direct response by oppressed peoples against the police, lockdowns and other repressive elements of the system.

DUTCH POLICE ATTACK STUDENT DEMONSTRATION

On May 8, more than 20,000 Dutch students held a demonstration in the Hague to protest measures by the conservative Dutch government to drastically cut-back financial aid awards to students. Holland has traditionally had one of Europe's most 'generous' welfare-state systems, and the extreme cuts being pushed through by Holland's christian democrats would have a tremendous affect on the material status of Dutch students and youths. When the protest march neared the Dutch parliament building, Dutch riot police attacked, blasting the marchers with water cannons and attacking protestors with clubs and police dogs. Groups of autonomists responded with paint-filled balloons and rocks. Although the police claimed they were only out to get the 'violent elements' in the crowd, the reality was that even non-violent youths were attacked by the cops. Police later chased youths in jeeps and on horseback across the nearby park the Malieveld. In all, 251 youths were injured, and 35 had to be hospitalized. A total of 53 people were arrested and charged with various riot-related offences. Many student organization leaders, who themselves were clubbed by police, have filed brutality complaints against the police, and Paul Rosenmoeller, a student leader and Green-Left member of parliament, brought up the matter in the Lower House of the Dutch parliament.

The shape of things to come? Holland, which once had a very active and militant student-left in the late-70s and early-80s, has not seen such violence at a mass-demonstration for quite some time. But with the approach of European unity and the scaling- back of Europe's social systems by conservative governments, maybe things will start heating up once more. (compiled by Autonome Forum from reports in the Dutch capitalist media)

SWISS BIO-TECH CORPORATION BOMBED

For the third time in a year, the Swiss company Bio-engineering AG has been attacked. In the latest bombing attack this February, an explosion at a plant in the village of Wald caused over $300,000 damage. Bio-engineering AG provides products and services to the pharmaseutical industry. Two anonymous calls after the attack indicated a political motive. The attacks were claimed by the "Group of Iranian Martyrs Mustapha Sadeki and Ali Sadeh". (Sadeki and Sadeh were political prisoners in Iran who died after being injected with bacteriological materials provided by Switzerland.) In a telephone call, the group charged that Bio-engineering AG provided assistance to Iran for developing biological weapons. The group also charged that the German firm Bayer directed the sales to Iran. According to police, the group affixed explosive devices to several bio-reactors in the AG facility. (from NN #134 via Autonome "Nick Rhodes is God" Forum)

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Tearing Down The House

Despite a homeless population exceeding 49,000 and an inadequate shelter system, the city of Chicago tore down 878 buildings in 1992, triple the number in '89. The city continues its campaign to mark unused housing as "breeding ground for crime", thus criminalising those homeless who squat such buildings for shelter.

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Gang Unity & Summit Plans

While police attribute a virtual stop in gang violence at Cabrini Green to their martial law tactics there, even they are now admitting the gang truce announced last Nov. by the leaders of 12 major black gangs has signifigance. The truce, which also affects the Altgeld Gardens projects and several areas on the S. Side, recently survived at test at Cabrini when 2 rival gangsters dueled over a girl. Weekly meetings between the gangs and community activists have helped defuse potential violence. The truce has definitely improved the happiness and well-being of both gangsters and community residents. Police imply the gangs are profit-motivated, and while gangmembers agree drug dealing is continuing, it is because there is no other employment available. Gang leaders are now starting to discuss gang picnics and organizing social activities for youth in the projects, an encouraging sign.

A gang summit is being planned for the Chicago area, either the weekend of July 24 or 31. It will be similar to previous summits held in Kansas City (April) and Cleveland (June). The main focus will be reducing violence and black-on-black warfare. While none of the gangs involved in the Chicago truce are hispanic, some leaders of hispanic gangs may attend to spread the peace to their neighborhoods.

EVERY MEAL A PICNIC
EVERY PICNIC A FROLIC

LEADERS FLEX THEIR MUSCLE: GOVERNMENT KILLS...

On June 26, 23 Tomahawk missiles were launched at an Iraqi intelligence sight in suburban Baghdad in retaliation for an alleged assasination plot against former president george bush. Never mind that for decades the CIA has developed elaborate plans for the murder of ranking officials in other countries, as well as coordinating numerous attempts on the lives of Castro, Pinochet, Ortega, Qadaffi, and who knows who else. When done by the US it is called "defense against aggression", but when Iraq or any other nation not in our favor is found to have similar designs upon OUR leaders it is called "terrorism." US govt mouhtpieces assure us that "every attempt was made to minimize civilian casualties", as if the loss of one civilian life is none too high a price to pay for exercising aggression. I can not imagine a more cynical posture: oh for the days of vietnam or world war two when the government made no bones about killing innocent civilians in order to demoralize the "enemy" populace. Clinton called the alleged plot "an attack against our country and against all Americans." Defense Secretary Les Aspin said the US govt is determined to "deter aggression. We will protect our people." The logic here is that george bush represents all americans and that any attack against his person is an attack against us all, and of course this is utter and complete tripe. i dont recall EVER wishing the death of ONE IRAQI PERSON (well, perhaps with the exception of Sadam Hussein), especially not civilians...Clinton said in his address that the bombing was ordered to prove that civilized nations do not behave like Iraq, that is, using terrorism and assasination. i will let the irony of his remarks speak directly. this needs no interpretation.

We know now that George Bush's life is roughly equivalent to the lives of 8 brown-skinned Iraqis. (email from Joe Average & Chuck0)

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PIRATE RADIO

For over six years M'banna Kantako has been stirring up dissent in Springfield, Illinois. Operating "the nation's most notorious" unlicensed radio station, Black Liberation Radio, Kantako continues to defy a federal court order to stop broadcasting. Kantako's scorn for the mainstream media's inadequate coverage of African-American topics and music led him to initiate his one watt transmissions. Despite the low wattage, the station can reach 70% of the geographically concentrated (can you say "ghetto?") African-American community in Springfield.

Kantako's broadcasts were ignored by local authorities until he aired a series of interviews with African-Americans who were brutalized by local police. Afterward, the police chief reported the station to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC proceeded to fine Kantako and pursue the case to the point of maneuvering a federal court into directly persecuting the station. In the face of Kantako's defiance of the federal court, the Springfield police took matters into their own hands by way of arresting Kantako's nine year old son for being involved in a soccer field showing match.

Cowardly attacks the families of pirate broadcasters is an atrocious trend in Illinois. Napoleon Williams has been operating a pirate station called Liberation Radio in the small central Illinois city of Decatur. Like Kantako's story in Springfield, Williams trouble with local authorities began when he aired news of police brutality. In addition to police and FCC opposition, Williams has made enemies of the union busting agricultural/industrial interests in Decatur by exposing their exploitative nature.

Culminating a series of false and trumped-up arrests of Williams and his wife, Mildred Jones, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) seized their daughter, Unique Dream Williams, now three years old. Among the justifications for the seizure was a charge that Williams was abusing his daughter, despite the fact that Williams was in jail at the time.

Also being persecuted by the FCC is Andrew Yoder, author of "The DX Clipboard" a regular column in **The Ace**, the newsletter of the Association of Clandestine Radio Enthusiasts. With nothing but circumstantial evidence, the FCC has fined Yoder $17,500 in May of 1992 for alleged violations of FCC rules. Yoder's outspoken advocacy of pirate broadcasting has probably contributed to the FCC's interest in him. Yoder, in the July 1, 1992 edition of **The Ace** urges enthusiasts: "Don't get nervous and don't gossip (it ain't polite). Just keep your eyes, ears and minds open!"

Pirate radio is by no means a north american phenomenon. "Clandestine" broadcasters (distinguished from "pirates" in that they broadcast on higher frequency shortwave bands.) and pirate radio have historically played and continue to play vital roles in subversive and revolutionary situations around the planet. Currently underground radio is antagonizing the status quo in Cuba, Chile, and Palestine. We're sure it's operating elsewhere as well.

The Wind Chill Factor has no qualms about telling you of a few examples of active pirate radio stations in the usa. The slime infested FCC already knows of them. There are many more that only those who can receive the signal need know about. If you are interested in learning more, write one of the addresses below or your (glorious) comrades at **The Wind Chill Factor**, and we'll put book you up with some more info.

ACE Association of Clandestine Radio Enthusiasts, po box 11201, Shawnee Mission, KS 66207-0201

Black Liberation Radio, c/o 333 N 12st, Springfield, IL 62702

Also of interest may be, **AMARC**, the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters. 3575 St-Laurent, #704 Montreal, Quebec H2x2T7 Canada (e-mail: amarc@web.apc.org)

Women Fight Back

A new women's group has formed in Oslo, Norway, consisting of women from Blitz, the Communist Party, the Women's Front, and other groups and independents. In January they organized a blockade of a newly opened topless/striptease bar "Lido GoGo", smashing some windows. The action was violently attacked by police on horses, with one woman getting a broken arm and another having ear ear ripped off and hand crushed. Footage of the assault was widely shown on the media, condemning the police action. It also drew 800 people to the next action against the bar. For more info on the Women's Group, contact Blitz Infogruppe/Pilestredet 30c/0164 Oslo/Norway, phone +47-22110109.

Squat The Land!

Homes Not Jails occupied an empty building in San Francisco on March 3, hanging banners that said "Homelessness Equals Genocide! Housing For Everyone!" The building, vacant since '85, is owned by a slumlord who evicted 200 low-income because he could profit with it empty. Police broke in and arrested 9. Contact HNJ! at 3145 Geary Blvd, #12, SF CA 94118, 415-330-5030.

In New York on Feb.6, police bulldozed a vacant lot that has been squatted by homeless people for years, giving them only 12 minutes to remove their possessions. A demonstration at the lot on Feb.20 was attacked by police after an hour-long metal jam, with 8 arrests.

—The FBI maintains the world's largest fingerprint card system in the world, with more than 200 million cards (29.5 million in the "criminal" file...so who are the others?), most of them already computerized.

DANISH POLICE SHOOT AT LEFT-WING DEMONSTRATORS; 11 WOUNDED

On May 18, after a nation-wide referendum in Denmark narrowly approved that country's ratification of the Maastricht Treaty, despite the defeat of a similar referendum last year, various left-wing and autonomist organizations held a protest demonstration to voice opposition to European unity. Serious riots broke out in the capital city of Copenhagen. Groups of autonomen "liberated" the quarter of Norrebro (a traditional working class quarter populated with autonome collectives), building barricades and preparing to confront the police. During these riots, the Danish police showed its fascist face when officers fired more than one hundred rounds of live ammunition into crowds of protestors. The scene resembled something from the Occupied Territories, where Israeli soldiers routinely fire live rounds into crowds of Palestinians; it was not a scene typically witnessed in Western Europe. When the shooting stopped, 11 people had been seriously wounded. One man's lower jaw was shot off, two people were shot in the stomach, and one person was hit in the arms and legs. Police claimed they fired in panic and were under orders to do so, although some of the demonstrators that were shot were more than 40 meters away from police lines, and police fired on two more occasions after reinforcements had arrived. The police that had allegedly been attacked and seriously wounded during the riots were released from hospital the next day with bloody noses and injured fingers. The demonstrators they shot, however, were arrested and denied contact with family and friends while in hospital. The injured leftists were arrested as they lay bleeding on the street, before they had even been given proper medical attention. The arrested demonstrators were all charged with participating in organized violence.

In various European cities, solidarity actions were carried out to protest the shootings. In Amsterdam, the windows of the Danish consulate were smashed (its inside splattered with paint bombs), as were the windows of a European Community public relations office (also set afire) and a Danish-owned bank. In the city of Groningen, the Danish consulate was also attacked, as was a Danish travel agency's office. Here again, all the windows were smashed and anti-EEC slogans were left behind in press statements. (mostly from NN #137 via Autonome Forum)

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Christian Rock

A Goof Liberation Front plan to give some christians a dose of reality this Feb. was barely foiled. Over 70 radio stations which regularly broadcast a pre-recorded program called "Powerline"--an hour of top-40 type secular music mixed with inspirational messages produced by the Southern Baptist Convention--received instead a disk of "Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables", the punk classic by the Dead Kennedys, which had been switched by GLF infiltrators. The GLF suspects Serious Salvation Front forces to have noticed the switch and foiled the plan...

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AN INTERNATIONAL SQUATTERS NETWORK

(1237 Richards St., Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3G3, Canada) is being formed with goals including: to keep squatters aware and organized, to raise awareness and educate the public, to provide legal help, and to produce a newsletter.

REVOLUTIONARY 1.MAY CONFRONTATIONS - BERLIN, GERMANY

by Jan Kraker

This year's Revolutionary 1.May demonstration in Berlin was smaller than in years past. This was partly due to the fact that during preparation meetings for the action, arguments between Autonome groups and Marxist-Leninist organizations frustrated many people and led to many people not taking part in the demonstration. In the end, the ML-groups, mostly various fractions of the Turkish Communist Party, with only a few hundred followers at most, marched at the head of the demonstration, followed by an autonomous bloc of some 5000+ people.

As expected, a fight broke out almost immediately between Autonomen and the sectarian Maoists of RIM (Revolutionary Internationalist Movement), but this was soon put to rest when the RIM's sound-car was confiscated by the police. As the demonstration made its way into East Berlin, the Autonome sound-car blasted hip-hop music and broadcast speeches by various womens' groups and other autonomist organizations. The motto of the demonstration was: "For an unhierarchical and classless society - Organize the resistance!" The fact that many posters announcing the 1.May demo proudly displayed a large photo of the bombed-out remains of the Weiterstadt prison and a RAF insignia no doubt contributed to the hostility of the police towards the demonstration. Again, since many organized autonomist groups and collectives stayed away from this year's demo, the proportion of generally unorganized and inexperienced marchers was higher than usual. For example, the Autonomen usually see to it that no one drinks alcohol during demonstrations, but this year, several groups of punks brought bottles of beer along for the march. Consequently, when these (and rocks and some molotovs) were hurled at police, many people were not disciplined in their resistance to subsequent police attacks against the demonstration. Consequently, riot police often beat their way to within one line of people away from the sound-car, and the use of tear-gas and water-cannon blasts very nearly split up the autonomous bloc on several occasions. Several confrontations with police occurred during the march, which was prematurely halted at the Alexander Platz. In total, 67 people were arrested, and only a few of the 3000+ cops were injured.

At the same time as the 1.May demo, approximately 20 anti- fascists were arrested while attempting to confront 100 members of the neo-nazi FAP party who held a rally in East Berlin. A heavy police presence prevented the Autonomen from attacking the nazis (as they had done with great success in 1992), and most of the arrests occurred simply as anti-fascists attempted to reach the area where the FAP rally was being held.

During the night of May 1st, rioting took place in two Berlin neighborhoods. In Prenzlauer Berg, a squatters' street- festival ended in confrontations with police. And in Kreuzberg, riot cops began harassing people on the streets as early as 9pm, and running battles between youths (Turkish kids, Autonomen, and drunken revellers) and armor-plated riot cops continued until about 4am. Water-cannons constantly patrolled the streets, putting an end to all attempts at erecting burning barricades. During the night-time confrontations, another 100 people were arrested, making the day's total of arrests 169, with only 19 cops injured, none of them seriously.

Although the numbers of arrests versus injured cops and the lower-than-usual number of people taking part in Revolutionary 1.May demo were a little disappointing by Berlin standards, at least the day's activities and confrontations possessed the revolutionary spirit which May Day is supposed to embody.

Resistance is possible!

Kurds Struggle Continues

On June 8th, the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) declared it would resume its armed liberation struggle in the region of Kurdistan occupied by Turkey. The PKK had declared a unilateral cease-fire back in March in an attempt to convince the Turkish government to negotiate a political solution to the civil war. The right-wing, military-backed Turkish regime did not respond in kind. During the 83 days of the cease-fire nearly 250 people were killed and 44 villages burnt.

In addition to resuming its armed struggle, the PKK has called for a boycott of tourism, an important part of the Turkish economy. A travel advisory for European tourists was issued by the PKK in Febuary, and more recently threats have been made against tourist and other important economic targets, in an attempt to damage the Turkish economy and thus cut the military's financial base.

Late June saw demonstration and actions throughout Europe in response to the continued Turkish slaughter of Kurdish people. In Munich, five Kurds stormed the Turkish Consulate and took 20 employees hostage. Six other Turkish offices were also attacked in Munich. In Bonn, 80 PKK supporters demonstrated outside the Turkish Consulate and the window of a Turkish bank was smashed. In Marseille armed Kurds took 3 hostages at the Turkish Consulate. In Stockholm 5 men attacked a Turkish tourism office, smashing bullet-proof windows and doors, furniture, and computers. In Berne, Switzerland, demonstrators were fired upon from inside the embassy. One demonstrator was killed and 5 wounded. A cop was also shot in the leg. Swiss police have photographs of the shooters. But the Federal Prosecutor has made it clear that the shot were alleged to have come from the embassy, in spite of the fact that the shots were directed at the demonstatrators.

Revolutionary May 1 Sees Factional Killing in Berlin

While Berlin's traditional Revolutionary 1st of May demo and riots were smaller and less energetic than usual, the night saw the death of Ercan Sakar, a member of the "base-democratic" fraction of the Turkish armed group Devrimci Sol (Revolutionary Left). Sakar was killed outside a community center associated with the base-democratic fraction which had been occupied by the rival fraction, which supports Dev Sol' General-Secretary, D. Karatas. The killing was used as an excuse by police to shut down the community center.

A demonstration was held, where leftists called from unity in the struggle against the right and right-wing governments and an end to violence between left groups.

TURKISH ANTI-FASCIST SENTENCED IN BONN, GERMANY

In mid-May, Mehmet, a Turkish anti-fascist who took part in the 1984 occupation of the Turkish consulate in Cologne and who was sentenced to 4 years in jail as a result of this action, was recently sentenced in Bonn for another anti-fascist action earlier this year. Mehmet was given 8 months in prison on a conviction for "breaking the peace of the land" and "attempted assault". The charges stemmed from an anti-fascist demo in early-February when anti-fascists pelted members of the neo-nazi FAP party, who were trying to hold a march, with stones. Several FAP neo-nazis testified against him. (from Angehoerigen Info #119

RAF GUERRILLA KILLED; ANOTHER ARRESTED

At the railway station of Bad Kleinen, a small town in Mecklenburg Vorpommern which is only known because of weapon transports via rail, Birgit Hogefeld and Wolfgang Grahms, two Red Army Fraction suspects whom police have been seeking since 1986, were surrounded by elite anti-terrorist GSG-9 forces on Sunday, June 27. When they left the railway restaurant police tried to arrest them in a tunnel. Wolfgang flew upstairs into the railway station where many people were waiting for trains. A shootout ensued in which a GSG-9 cop was killed, a railway officer injured, and Wolfgang injured. Then a civil policemen came to Wolfgang as he was on the ground and shot into his head point blank. This was observed by a passer-by, and the investigation also showed that he was shot from a distance of 5 cm at most.

On Tuesday night, June 29, about 50 persons were arrested by police in Dortmund, Frankfurt, and Gelsenkirchen, most of whom have been active in left politics. Some asked for the reason. Police said: "Haven't you seen what has happened on TV?" Police stormed flats and broke down doors, including "accidentally" breaking the door of a Turkish family who was living opposite the "suspects" in Frankfurt. All of those arrested have been freed. Officially police claimed to arrest only 9 people with suspected "terrorist" connections.

On July 4, Germany's Interior , Rudolf Seiters, resigned, as controversy grew. Police and government officials had initially lied, saying to the public that Grams had committed suicide. Even the circumstances regarding the cop's death are unclear, as some German papers have suggested that the officer may have been killed by friendly fire during the confrontation with the two RAFsuspects. (information from comrades in Germany)

GERMAN ACTIVIST AND ANTI-FASCIST KILLED BY LETTER BOMB

On Friay, January 22nd, Kerstin Winter was killed by a parcel bomb in Frieburg. Around 4:15 PM Kerstin found a package in front of her apartment, took it inside and was killed instantly when she opened it. According to information from Freiburg, the package contained a splinter bomb wrapped in newspapers. The revival attempts by a doctor were unsuccessful, because of numerous metal splinters in Kerstin's head, legs and lungs. Several windows in the apartment were destroyed by the detonation of the bomb, a second person who was present in the apartment was luckily not injured.

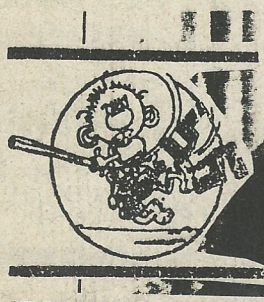
The 24 year-old Kerstin was politically active in Freiburg. She was the first chairperson of the "Support Association for Subculture," which is active in support for an autonomist leftist youth center in Freiburg. Kerstin was also active in anti-fascist groups. And for some people it might be important to know she was a lesbian.

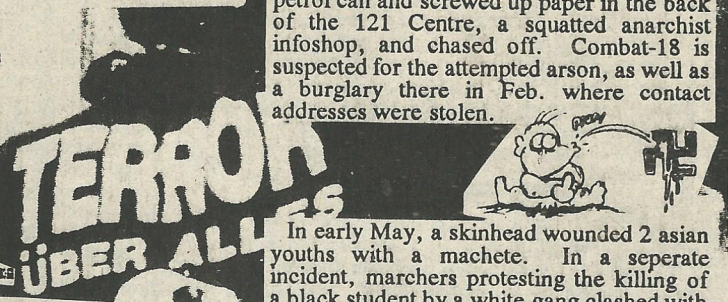
The background of the attack remains unclear so far at this time. But Kerstin's political work and the ways and means of the murder indicate that it was an attack by fascists. The police are investigating "in all directions" according to their own statements.

On Friday evening, a spontaneous demonstration took place in the inner city of Freiburg, in which 6-700 people participated and expressed their sorrow and anger. Afterwards the demonstration marched to the house in which Kerstin had been killed. The police acted in a restained manner. A solidarity demonstration took place in Heidelburg.

On Monday, January 25th, a statewide demonstration took place in Freiburg with over 8000 participants.

From comrades in Germany via Autonome "those darn lefitsts" Forum





FIGHTING FASCISM WORLDWIDE

While events in Germany have heated up, it is important to remember that the rise in fascism is everywhere, due to the crisis of capital. Lest we forget as well, resistance is also commonplace:

GERMANY: Nazi meetings in Weisbaden were broken up on Jan.23, as they complained of being "the victims of a pogrom".

Pressure has mounted to disband Berlin's volunteer police reserve after disclosures that neo-nazis had joined the force, which allegedly protects refugees and Jewish memorials from rightist attacks.

CANADA: In Jan., 3000 demonstrated against a Klan meeting in Vancouver featuring scum like Tom Metzger. 400 militants found the building where the meeting was to be held and attacked, smashing windows on the hotel and a cop car's windshield. The cops escorted the nazis out, and 7 arrests were made. One comrade was is going to trial in Dec. for various felony weapons charges.

In Toronto, Anti-Racist Action organized 500 people to confront A Heritage Front rally on Ja.25. They were charged by a group of mounted cops who began whipping, trampling, and clubbing people. The protestors defended themselves against the police attacks with 4 injuries, as the cops escorted the racist along. 2 arrests were made after the demo broke up.

The Canadian League of Rights, Canada's leading anti-semitic organization, was banned from meeting at a hotel in Victoria when antifascist mobilized and threatened to riot. At a CLR meeting in Vancouver, anti-racists stopped a number of them from entering, with 2 arrests.

Canada is also investigating reports that their crack paratrooper regiment has white supremacists among its ranks, who have recently spent time killing Somalis in Somalia.

BRITAIN: On March 27, 5 nazis with helmets and clubs invaded Freedom Press, London's oldest anarchist bookstore, smashing equipment, spraypainting, and assaulting people. Nearly $10,000 in damage was caused by the commandos from C-18, a paramilitary fascist group with about 100 members responsible for firebombings and other attacks in the past.

On April 12, a man was spotted with a petrol can and screwed up paper in the back of the 121 Centre, a squatted anarchist infoshop, and chased off. Combat-18 is suspected for the attempted arson, as well as a burglary there in Feb. where contact addresses were stolen.

In early May, a skinhead wounded 2 asian youths with a machete. In a seperate incident, marchers protesting the killing of a black student by a white gang clashed with police. Racial attacks in Britain rose from 4400 in '88 to 7800 in '91.

Brit Cop Quote: "These people [indicating fascist marchers] are by and large supported by the police. The police are generally [right-wing]...they've got no ax to grind against us and we've got no ax to grind against them." (the Christian Monitor).

NORWAY: Nazis are suspected of placing a bomb on the wall of the autonome youth house Blitz on New Years Eve. Because it was facing the wrong direction, little damage was done, although it was very professionally made. Blitz is well known for its militant anti-fascist activities.

In Oslo, nazi boneheads have been taking a beaten, as they have lost fights with immigrant youth and anti-fa's on 3 occasions. Police attacked antifa's from Blitz after one of these fights, resulting in 6 arrests and 2 injured cops.

ITALY: On Dec.12 jewish youth stormed a neo-nazi building in response to anti-semitic stickers in Rome. Jewish youth have been actively fighting back, defiantly announcing that "If no one will defend us then we will defens ourselves." On Nov.6 they had attacked the headquarters of a neo-nazi group in Rome, smashing windows, confiscating paraphernalia, and physically fighting fascists.

SPAIN: 200 were mobilized in Zaragossa to defend a Casa Okupada Del La Paz, a squat which houses anarchist groups like Ateneo Libertario and Insumismos (draft resisters), from attacks by fascists on Nov.20. The next day, central Madrid was blocked off to protest against the killing of a Dominican woman. On the 22, thousands marched in Vitoria and Barcelona against the deportation of 30 Algerians.

On April 10, a SHARP skin was stabbed by fascists and killed in a village just outside of Valencia. Antifa's responded with demos throughout Spain. In Valencia, protestors threw paving stones thru the windows of the National Front, a right-wing party. Connections were drawn between cops and the fascists (many cops are hold-overs from the Franco era). At least one fascist was arrested for the murder.

FRANCE: On Jan. 9 several hundred demonstrated against the racist attacks by skinheads. On March 13, an anti-Le P demo was attacked by cops after anti-racis threw tomatos on cops and fascists.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: On Feb. 27, ne nazi skins engaged in a brawl, assaulti one man and macing another. A 3rd m joined the fray to help, stabbing and killi one skin. He has been found guilty manslaughter.

HUNGARY: Skinhead gangs have recent appeared and become active. Attacks Romas (gypsies) have become mo common and violent.

SOUTH AFRICA: The fascist Afrikaner Resistance Movement stormed S. Africa constitutional negotiations June 25t demanding a white state. After smashi through the plate glass front of the Wor Trade Center with an armored truck, t armed fascists ran rampant, beating up bla journalists and spraying graffiti, while ri cops stood by. They dispersed with arrests. Imagine the police response if t protestors had been black!

U.S.A.: Last December, the KKK tried erect a cross in a square in downtov Cincinnatti, only to have it knocked down times.

The nazi skinhead son of a fundamental preacher, Joshua Cadieux, was arrest Dec. 28 in Niles, IL for stabbing a hispan man.

A small Klan rally in Austin on Jan. was met by over 5000 anti-racists, b unfortunately was well-protected by ov 1000 riot cops.

4 activists protesting the "Liber Monument", a Klan rallying point whi honors the paramilitary White League of t 1800's, were roughed up and arrested cops on March 7.

Contacts: Here's where some of this in came from:

KLANBUSTERS,POB 146, Stn.P, Toron ONT M5S 2S6 Canada, 416-968-2127.

ATENEO LIBERTARIO, Casa Ocupado D La Paz (Sagasta 52), Apdo.3.141, 50.08 Zaragosa, Spain.

BERLIN — On Feb 8, the French philosopher and spokesman for the French neo-nazi group, "New Right," Alain de Benoist, was scheduled to speak at an intellectual gathering debating "A New Society For Literature." But as he arrived, about 15-30 young autonomists dragged Benoist down the street and beat him up. The nazi philosopher managed to get back to the venue, but his glasses were smashed so the event was called off.

From Interim #227

"The Real Arsonists Are In Bon

On May 29th, 1993, 48 hours after t German Parliament abolished the right political asylum, neo-nazi arsonists Soligen, Germany attacked a hous killing 5 Turkish people. The sar weekend a refuge house in Hattingen w firebombed, resulting in the injury of Ethiopian girls, a refuge house in Muni was attacked, as well as a Turkish house Wupportal.

A militant left response explod throughout Germany. Fifteen-thousa demonstrated in Soligen, and across t country windows were shattered, fires s police attacked, and major roads blocke Much of the response was focused agair the government - an office of the Deutsc Bank was destroyed, the Labor Ministe car attacked, Interior Minister Rudo Seiter's attempt to address a Soligen crov was shouted down with chants "hypocrite" and "murder." Chancell Kohl avoided the memorial servic because he "didn't want to be jeered front of TV cameras." But crowds caug up to him in Berlin, where 1,000 an fascists threw eggs and shoute "hypocrite" in his face.

These recent right-wing attacks a strikingly similar to a fire-bombing Moelln in November that killed 3 Turki people. This violence makes it clear th the government's change in the asylu law reinforces anti-foreigner sentimen rather than creating a safer environme for asylum-seekers.

CHICAGO - IN THE HOUSE!

Chicago's a hopping place these days, and lots has hapened in these past few months.

Deborah's Place vs. Yuppie Scum
Recently, Deborah's Place, a shelter for women tried to expand its operations in Wicker Park. They wanted to acquire a new building on North Ave. for an overnight shelter and 30 SRO's, but met resistance from the upper class snobs who were upset that it might dirty their gentrification of the area. One fucko, Daniel C. Reber (2125 W. Concord Pl., 312-276-0026) circulated a flyer complaining of the "riff-raff" Deb.'s Place would draw: homeless who are "urinating and defacating in the alleys" (like there's a choice when your homeless) and "boozing it up". Besides the fact that Deb.'s Place would have gotten homeless women offthe street, the yuppos were clueless in their accusations as Deb's Place already has a shelter right behind their rich enclave that they had never noticed. Realizing snobbery would get them nowhere, they claimed to oppose Deb's Place because there were too many low-income projects in the vicinity and they want to "share the burden of the low income with the rest of the city". Despite support from Wicker Park progressives, the rich folx "convinced" Alderpuppet Ocasio to oppose it, and thus Deb's Place lost their application for re-zoning and must look elsewhere. This has empowered the yuppies to start a campaign to stop ALL new low-income housing in the area. For more info or to support Deborah's Place, contact 312-292-0707.

Unpopular Populists
The racist, right-wing Populist Party held their national convention in Chicago from May 21-23, featuring exalted guests like Pastor Tom Robb, head of the Kinghts of the KKK. A small demonstration was quickly put together for the event, but kept a safe distance from the hotel by cops, who also kept us separated from some nazi skins who came out to sieg heil us. We encourage you to call the Marriott O'Hare Hotel, who hosted the event, and tell them you will never do business with them again for supporting racists (they also helped fund a recent anti-choice "Hike for Life"). Call (312)693-4444 or 1-800-228-9290.

Bombing Protest
When the U$ bombed Iraq in Feb., there were 2 demonstrations held in opposition to it. In the first, 6 of the 100 protestors blocked rush hour traffic for about 20 minutes, while the rest of us marched inanely around an intersection, failing to disrupt traffic. Some of us got a bit rowdy at the next one, doing awful things like pulling garbage cans into the street and spraypainting. This resulted in one "redecoration" bust and an argument with some patronizing pacifists who disagreed with our tactics and physically interferred with us. This led to later disagreements between Baklavites, who felt frustrated, and activists in Pledge and 8th Day, who felt we were disrespectful. So far, discussions meant to resolve the issue have only been partially successful. In response to this and past incidents, some of those unruly Baklava kidz issued an "Open Letter to the Left" on the poverty of protest in Chicago (available from WCF for a stamp).

Liberate the Latex!
The Coalition for Positive Sexuality, while busy handing out free condoms and "Just Say Yes!", their positive safe-sex booklet, to Chicago public high school students every week, has also begun a campaign to push the city off of 2 million condoms that its been sitting on since last year. Call Daley's office and tell him you want one, 312-744-3300. Call the CPS at 312-604-1654 for info.

CALL to Failure
Dozens of pro-choice activists took a few jaunts down to South Bend, Indiana in march just to keep anti-choicers company at their conference there, hosted by Collegians Activated to Liberate Life. S. Bend was one mighty place, we decided after one of us had been threatened with a gun twice (once by redneck racists, once by a "pro-lifer") the first day there. After harassing their opening rally with a protest and a smoke bomb, we managed to convince their outnumbered forces three times that shutting down S. Bend clinics wasn't an option. They did manage to sneak away one day and close a clinic in Merrillville for over an hour, 53 arrests.

Bullish Rioting & Revelry
While most of us, Jacinto aside, would rather use basketballs to break windows than shoot hoops, the opportunity for revelry and civil disturbance was something we jumped for. (Although we must admit, spectator sports are a rather weak reason to celebrate, but at least a large portion of the disturbance was aimed at the system: cops, real estate agencies, chain stores, banks, etc.) So when the Bulls won their championship, we headed out to our favorite intersection where we found a hundred plus people out yelling and cars honking their horns. Within 5 minutes however, riot cops showed up and began sweeping people off the streets. Several bottles were thrown in response. The amount of riot cops and cop cars with taped up windshields was amazing--practically every cop was on duty (see article in Fluuries). The cops couldn't stop the party tho, as a drum core appeared on a roof over the intersection and soon had people dancing in the streets. For over an hour we played a game where cops harassed people and swept us off one corner only for us to regroup on another. As it got late, our numbers dwindled, and suddenly we found ourselves swept down a street, outnumbered, with angry cops approaching from both sides, hitting on things with their clubs. We broke and ran down an alley, pigs in hot pursuit, and had a merry chase down various side streets and alleys. They managed to grab a hispanic friend of ours, drag him in a car, rough him up & search him, then mace him as they let him go.

Free Larry Giddings!
Anarchist Black Cross Chicago has adopted anti-authoritarian political prisoner Larry Giddings, and has organized 2 shows as benefits for him. Write to Larry, #10917-086, POB 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048, he's way cool. We are also putting together a comprehensive list of N. American political prisoners to be updated quarterly and distributed to prisoner support groups and others. Since ABC originally started as the Anarchist Red Cross in revolutionary Russia but has since moved more towards prisoner support, some of us are planning on taking first aid classes so that we will be able to teach others and provide free first aid for the local community. For info on Larry Giddings or ABC and its projects, contact us c/o WCF.

GRRLS GRRLS GRRLS
The SisterSerpents are busy again preparing for a postering blitz this summer to redecorate the city. There is also another bunch of grrls who after 3 weeks of meeting still don't have a name. We're Riot Grrls, but don't want to use the name Riot Grrl for a variety of reasons. If you want to hook up, call 312-455-0707.

Sodomy Laws? Up Yours!
The Queer Pride Parade this June 26 was livened up by a heathen crowd of rabble rousers from Baklava, Homocore, and Queer Nation. The crowd full of openly queer people was a wonderful thing, a nice break from the usual forced heterosexuality. We generally raised hell with smokebombs, stickers, noise makers, and Homocore's great class war signs like "Proud of What?", "A Gay Military Would Still Kill" and "We're sexual anarchists and we'll fuck anything we want!"

The Future...
A Food Not Bombs! group is starting to form here in Chicago with tentative meetings planned. We'll need donations of food, large pots (prefer stainless steel), utensils, a fridge, and people like you to provide free food and a good time. Call the Hotline (312-455-0707) if you're interested.

Squatting is also a picking up in Chicago with one just recently opened. If you're interested in supporting squatting and/or being put on our eviction watch list, give us a call.

Finally, we plan on doing some other creative things in the future like an action of the Revolutionary Shoplifters Army. Oh, yeah, and worldwide social revolution. Give us a call, if yer interested.

MIDWEST Ⓐ SCENE REPORT

Minneapolis

About fifty people attended a conference on May Day weekend to get MEAN (Midwest Eco-Anarchist Network) going. Two projects were decided upon. One, to oppose Operation Rescue's scheduled boot camp happening in the Twin Cities this summer, and, two, to do support work with the Indigenous Environment Network. If you would like to get involved with MEAN, contact them at P.O. Box 7211, Minneapolis, MN 55407.

As mentioned above, Operation Rescue is planning a boot camp to train Jesus freaks the proper methods of harassing wimmin. Their boot camp is called IMPACT, which stands for Institute of Mobilized Prophetic Activated Christian Training. They successfully held a camp in Melbourne, FL, earlier this year. But that ain't gonna be so easy in the Twin Cities. If you would like to help stop OR dead, call the @ hotline at 612-729-5498 for more information.

And just in time, TCAF (Twin Cities Anarchist Federation) has been rejuvenated to more effectively coordinate anarchist activity in the area. TCAF meets on the third Thursday of every month at Mayday Books, or you can call the hotline (mentioned above) to see what's heating up.

Detroit

Back in March, the SS Action Group, a gang of neo-Nazis, was forced to tuck and run by a well-organized and militant demonstration that heavily outnumbered the meager showing of Nazis, who quickly fled the scene under the protection of their friends in blue.

Maybe it was some of those same cops who recently shot protesters outside of Cooley High School during the same month. The protesters, one of whom was seriously wounded, were protesting, what else, police brutality. The cops had shot and killed a teenager outside the high school the morning before.

Perhaps to prevent such happenings, the cops went to a middle school to deliver a lecture on gangs and crime. The students didn't care too much for that, so they voiced their opinions vociferously and tried to leave. The cops responded by arresting 34 of the students. Lesson of the day: cops are the main cause of crime.

In April outside the 404 Willis @ community center, a group of wimmin were being harassed by a gang of well-known misogynists and Queer bashers. The wimmin confronted the goons and were physically attacked. Other people joined to help the wimmin and chased the gang away. But one activist named Bill was corned and beaten with a baseball bat. Bill lost eight teeth, suffered a broken jaw, and may loose his lower lip to infection. He cannot afford medical costs and has no insurance. Please help this dedicated activist get the help he needs. Donations can be sent to CARE FOR BILL c/o S.R.N. Wayne State University, 5221 Gullen Mall, Box 99, Student Center Building, Detroit, MI 48202. Checks can be made payable to Student Resistance Network.

Madison

There's going to be a Midwest Regional Anarchist Gathering in Madison August 6-8. For more information contact Some Madison Anarchists, P.O. Box 173, Madison, WI 53701-0173.

St. Louis

AYF hits the front page! Read all about it! Yes, the Anarchist Youth Federation in St. Louis made the front page of the Local section of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch—a color photo, no doubt. Contact these sex-symbol superstars at P.O. Box 5202, St. Louis, MO 63139.

Bloomington

For all the latest in corn-fed anti-authoritarian news, contact Indianarchy, P.O. Box 3207, Bloomington, IN 47402-3207.

MINNESOTA EIGHT

On Sept. 25, 1992, someone walked into a pizza joint and shot a 30-year-old veteran cop in the back. Steve Banks, Shannon Bowles, Larry Flournoy, A.C. Ford, Mwati McKenzie, Lee Rockymore, Montary Willis, and an unnamed 15-year-old are being held in connection with the shooting of the officer. Bail is set at $3 million. They are being denied counsel of their choice.

Though the 911 report was sketchy, the railroading by the "justice" system was clear—eight men are being held for what supposedly two men did. The cops called the cop killing "retribution" for the arrest of a blind African-American male the previous afternoon, fueled by an angry and fruitless meeting on Police Brutality meeting that evening.

* A footprint around the corner from the Pizza Shack where the cop was shot did not match any of the eight men arrested.
* No gun was ever recovered.
* No one witness could pick out any of the defendants in line-ups.

Despite the lack of evidence, A.C. Ford was convicted on May 28 for conspiring in the killing. The next defendant on trial will be Shannon Bowles. Jury selection began on June 14.

There is some speculation that the cop was killed by his own kind to provide a martyr for the police and an excuse to crack down on African-Americans. After the shooting several black men were shot, and a twin-cities radio commentator claims to have reliable sources that charge the retaliatory shootings were set-up by white-power death squads with ties to the cops. Since the incident, police have cut support for the anti-violence program whose leaders included gang members and have harassed activists.

In Minnesota, African-Americans comprise 5% of the state's population and 50% of the prison population, far in excess of national averages. Your help is needed! Contact: The Committee Seeking Justice for the Minnesota Eight, P.O.B. 40355, St. Paul, MN, 55104, 612-339-4796.

OVERNIGHT SHELTERS
Homeless 24-Hour Hotline
1-800654-8595

Catholic Charities Shelter Program
Intake: (312) 236-5172
(between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) 18 and up
Males, Females, Children, Seniors
Locations: Grand Cross, Roseland Pullman, Humboldt Park, Harvey

Chicago Christian Industrial League
123 S. Green St. (312) 421-0588
24 Hours, Men

Deborah's Place
1404 1/2 N. Sedgewick
Day: (312) 292-0707
Night: (312) 951-1462
Women without children

Franciscan House
2715 W. Harrison St. (312) 265-6683
24 Hours a day
Men and women w/o children

Pacific Garden Mission
646 S. State (312) 992-1462
5:30 p.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Men, Women, Families

Residents for Emergency Shelter (REST)
(312) 784-0909 9:30 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.
Single Men: 941 W. Lawrence
Single Women: 1011 W. Wilson

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Irene's
(312) 772-0200 Women Only

Courage Program
(708) 636-5437 Pregnancies Parenting

BATTERED WOMEN

Family Rescue (312) 375-8400
Greenhouse (312) 278-4566
House of the Good Shepherd
(312) 935-3434
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Neon Center (312) 528-7767
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Unity Shelter (18-21 Male)
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National Runaway Switchboard
1-800-621-4000
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Mon. - Fri. 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Association House 2150 W. North Ave.
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Herman Thompson Friends of the Homeless Clothing to Shelters
5407 S. Michigan Ave (312) 924-6299

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Hunger Hotline (312) 663-5470
Salvation Army (312) 271-6182

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Inner Voice Learning Center
Lake St. and Ashland Ave.
(312) 666-2577

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Food Stamp Hotline (312) 663-5470
Legal Assistance (312) 341-1070
Public Aid (312) 793-4706
or 1-800-252-8635
Mayor's Office of Inquiry and Information
(312) 744-5000
Narcotics Anonymous (708) 848-4884

E UPON A TIME...

Early memories of my childhood are of summer days, my toys, y little brother. There are so many happy memories from that little house with the big long driveway and the sunflower plants that were et tall. From my earliest moments, my hippy catholic-casualty parents imented their ideas of childrearing on yours truly.

Now, my parents, for the four brief years that I knew them as a entity, were two very different varieties of hippy. My mother was ed on political issues -- civil rights, anti-racism, women's liberation, My father smoked weed and played guitar. But I never ever grasped e of what life was supposed to mean, how this lifestyle was an attempt ne to terms with LIFE, the UNIVERSE, and REBELLION. Their lives pon the appearance of social revolution, but, again, I cannot help but nber how degraded I felt when they were angry, and how ashamed I ecause it was obvious that I didn't HAVE what other people took for d.

And think...isn't that one of the most cruel things that can happen ild. To feel ashamed. The anger that builds now when I think back live those dark feelings makes me wonder about how I was raised, deas were put forth for me to grasp with my little hands and heart. I don't think that they had a concrete concept, or one that both agreed as they raised me. From complete unconsciousness to awareness. a hell of a responsibility. My parents did what they felt was their best, their economic and social restraints. Is it really true that Democrats Communists and Socialists, and they in turn breed Anarchists? n...

I am looking forward to having children in so many ways. I truly hat years from now I, and someone else, will feel confident enough g a child into the world and teach that child to the best of our ability a full honest life and NEVER EVER be ashamed.

OPPED BELIEVING IN STORIES...

Now, I am deeply enthralled by the process of liberation. The ous attempt to control my growth and bring down the social and tional conditioning that has left scars on my very innermost sense of very difficult for me. At the same time I am trying to learn and explore nd who I really am and can be. I have chosen a life that seems at times "trial by fire" wherein I am forcing myself to experience so much so y in order to grow.

I am consumed by the sheer wonder of life itself, of the dynamics gy transmission, of any number of metaphysical frameworks. Every nt I am alive, my mind is spinning, composing, breaking through old nts, and often it is only myself that hears this cacophony.

I am not sitting around waiting for the revolutionary event, upon I don my balaclava, grab a brick, and behold...liberation. I e that my life itself must be a process of liberation--everything that I omes a part of growth and revolution. I've thought about it for a long nd I've seen the "radicals" from the 60s descend into assimilation e they never merged their politics with their lives. And I see people today, "radicals" again, who are so full of revolutionary rhetoric, yet captives of Amerikkkan culture.

In my eyes, I see a need for the organizing of communities, urban ral, that form a network of places where people can fulfill their als and realize their liberation. Places where children can awaken areness with a sense of respect and confidence in themselves.

Revolution is a process to me. I recognize my inherent reach and e for liberation as the most revolutionary act I can make.

STARTED BELIEVING IN MYSELF...

In my mad dash for liberation, the most useful tool of all continues erience. Most of this experience comes from working on projects ple. In order for collectives and projects to succeed there must be tment to organize them and make them happen, this is obvious. But we really mean when we say "organize?"

In traditional neighborhood-based community organizing, the leader and organizer are extremely well defined. The organizer is to build organizations through issues that draw out and develop The leader is, through the issue and the organization, fulfilling their of liberation. That is almost crystal clear. But in the field of political ng, the commitment to clarity in organizing is, for the most part, The lines between organizer and leaders blur and lead to inconsis- the organizing.

From my experience, much more would be accomplished in the t/anti-authoritarian scenes if there were organizers to work with

The life and role of the organizer is not easy...it is amazingly difficult to consciously work on your own liberation when you are in the process of drawing others through that process as well.

But, still, I'll make a case for more people to identify themselves as organizers and to make themselves available to people for assistance with their issue campaigns or projects. I think that we have to begin to take what we are trying to do very seriously.

The role of the organizer in community organizing is about building relationships with people. It is about changing the world and changing how individuals act together. The relationships organizers develop are their most important resource and important talent. To form good relationships, it is necessary that the organizer like people and have a wealth of experience with which to communicate effectively with different groups of people. Outrage and anger, love and caring, these are the emotions I feel when on the street. An empathy develops naturally between people, and this draws the organizer into the lives of people, and beyond.

The role of the organizer is one of encouragement, of pushing leaders' limits to broaden their experience. The issue, the project, whatever the focus of the leaders is, that must also be the focus of the organizer. The organizer does not impose an issue or project upon leaders. Organically, the issue or project is the tool that the organizer uses to develop the skills and experience of the leaders. This is paramount and must not be forgotten.

The role of leader is facilitated through participation in projects or issues and interaction and communication with other leaders. Leaders are people who are encouraged to expand their experiences and develop their potentials. This process of liberation is focused on building personal power and using this intimate sense of strength to create positive social change.

To consciously direct our energy, to build the communities that we envision, that is the challenge I see before me.

...AND THEN MADE UP MY OWN STORIES...

So often I hear anarchists throwing the term "organizing" around. I would encourage everyone who really wants to organize to volunteer or work for a community organization and gain that valuable experience. The communication and motivation skills are invaluable. There is a rigid accountability that really pushes me to grow, it forced me to confront and overcome much of the apathy that had threatened to drag me down.

As radicals, anarchists, or whatever, we have to be able to organize, develop leaders, move an issue or project forward, if we are to be successful in creating positive social change. Joining with community residents in their struggles for autonomy and community-control is an important step in the development of ourselves as effective organizers.

...AND NOW I BELIEVE AGAIN.

I really have no respect for people who preach at me. And I really can't stand people who should know better than to separate their Politics from their "personal politics." Yes, it is difficult to liberate ourselves in this society, but it is by far more important to integrate our actions and our ideas into our lives. If you talk more shit than you do, its time to step off. Looking back at when I was a child, I think that it is vitally important to realize a holistic approach to our lives that recognizes no difference between Politics and "personal politics". Lets not eat meat, lets throw down our inbred tendencies for authoritarianism, sexism, racism, and homophobia, lets cry and laugh and focus on the visions floating in our minds. Lets give birth to these visions, fill them with light and power, and in doing so, I believe that we will create communities where children can be brought forth and taught to not only realize their potentials, but to exceed them.

DEFINING THE AUTONOMOUS STRUGGLE

This article was originally printed in the Spanish autonomous magazine Sabotaje #7, then translated & reprinted in a past issue of the now defunct Endless Struggle. According to ES: "It can be said the [W. European] autonomous movement was [is] an attempt to break down political sterility & dogma (often passed off as "clarity") & take what is practical & useful from revolutionary currents, whether anarchist or marxist. Because of this, what is often absent is discussion on what "autonomous" is...Some aspects of the article may be "repulsive" to some, perhaps more obstinate, anarchists. Against this, , we also feel there is a growing tendency in revolutionary currents in N. America that will find affinity with this perspective. Particularily those of us who see the need for a new projectuality beyond the mystical confusion or worse--the "pure in thought & deed" tendencies, that typify the radical movement in N. America. We propose the perspective presented in this article be discussed & expanded, & if in the end we find it relevant & practical, applied."

Many of us Wind Chill Factory workers consider ourselves part of the N. American autonomous current for the reasons covered herein (although this is by no means a complete description of our theory). This is signified by our "defining" ourselves as "autonomists" as opposed to "anarchists", as the anarchist label often proves shallow or even regressive, considering the baggage it carries. We would like to see this theory of struggle discussed further and spread, so we encourage responses and criticism.

When the time comes to attempt & define "autonomy", we can see the impossibility of finding such a definition, as autonomy is the opposite of "orthodoxy".

The first thing to define is that there does not exist a true theory about the practice of revolution, nor marxism, anarchism, ecologism, or other theories of today that are able to encompass the social realities. So we find marxists-leninists-stalinists or maoists, "anarchists of the night" ["Anarquistas trasnochadas", perhaps meaning hidden, secretive, or "fly-by-night"] or mystics & other elements who try to fit social reality into their theories, and as a result these theories convert into false ideologies & false representations of the social realities. This is when marxists (from stalinists to euro-communists) & these anarchists (integrists or nights) convert into accomplices of the exploitation, or at least into in-offensive psuedo-revolutionaries.

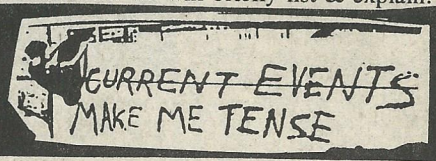
Because we are against this, defining the existence of a "true revolutionary", we prefer to go on elaborating theory in view of the daily practise; amongst theory & practise there is a dialectical interrelation. The theory only advances as the support of the struggle, the practise only advances when it is backed by a theoretical construction. We would rather distance ourselves from those who want revolution all at once & those who spearhead activity or action by action.

We are not anti-marxists & for sure we are not anti-anarchists; for we take from both theories that which is practical. The theories of 100 years ago cannot explain the total social phenomenon (for example, the nuclear threat, the new international division of labour, the ecological catostrophy), but they support the instruments of analysis & the struggle which we can't renounce. We can say that we are marxists & anarchists, but of the lower case [Meaning they are not Marxists or Anarchists, but rather are against the dogmatic interpretations of claiming to be this or that political ideology], understanding that we do not construct a global theory & that the global deformities that marxism supposes (in its diverse school of thought) & anarchism are an obstruction to our struggle.

To give an example of this we can refer to the differences in the concept of "revolution" that they have & that we have. Traditionally for all marxists & also the simplifiled messianics of anarchism, they have extended the revolution as an "act"; there has been previous work & preparations to this final act which is this marvelous day when the proletariat will rise up to break free of the chains & forever finish with exploitation. After this a biblical paradise will be extended over the earth; the quasi-religious interpretations of the revolution has been revealed as a mystification & the results are obvious in the revolutions that have "triumphed". Against this concept, we understand the revolution as a proccss that begins the moment an individual or a group understands that it is possible or necessary for a revolution. It is a process that begins in the daily lives of those that wage the struggle, a process where there is no great day, no biblical insurrection, but rather a collective (& individual also) struggle to develop & reach the maximum capacity & happiness of both men & wimmin.

As we have seen, to be autonomous is not only to be on the margins or against the [political/marxist] parties, the institutions & organisations that limit the struggle of the class (ie. unions), not only those, but we must confront the false ideologies that convert into accomplices & legitimizers of exploitation. It is not just to give ourselves an important name, it's to realize a practical autonomy. That is to say, not to be manipulated or mediated by any power or their representatives (parliamentary, delegation, authoritarianism, machismo). It is not to try to create another false ideology or assume a position of the vanguard from which to dictate new paths, but rather to analyse which direction the movement needs to go & assume spontaneous practises of resistance of the people (for example expropriation, thievery, sneaking onto buses without paying, destruction of urban structures [mobiliario urbano, which we translate into being riots, vandalism, clashes with police, etc. We would also recommend reading From Riot To Insurrection by Alfredo Bonanno on this idea of participating in social struggles & attempting to extend them to an insurrectional level], these are expressions of dissatisfaction & a way of chastizing that the people do in a spontaneous method including unconsciously, it is a question of assuming these practices & giving them political content & understanding), to assist the mechanisms of self-organisation that the people develop in determined situations to respond to aggressions (for example, the recent mobilizations against the nuclear industry, outside of the parties that went to the other side, including the margin of ecologists), to denounce & expose the power & gestures of the political parties, to mediate actions etc.

There has been no area of autonomy with unrestricted border. There has been no autonomy, where struggles have been near to it, which has advanced toward establishing revolutionaries, which has self-organised & set in motion a revolutionary method, where individuals have self-transformed & at the same time confronted the misery, which takes instead of asks, which acts instead of waiting, there exists those individuals & those groups that define in each moment that which is autonomy. In spite of this, there exists an axis of minimum definition: we will briefly list & explain:



SELF-MANAGEMENT: on all levels & not reduced to the economic level. We will fortify ourselves in the philosophies of history, beginning with the self-governing of our lives, developing to the maximum creative capacity of our lives. We need to do this realizing the limits of our work, with relation to capitalism, sexual norms, & the "castration" of "education"...

ANTI-AUTHORITARIANISM: also extended to the global mode: conquering hierarchy, conquering sexual divisions imposed by patriarchy, & establishing mechanisms of direct democracy that permit a collective & equal decision making process.

DIRECT ACTION: as an instrument of struggle in accordance with the above mentioned.

NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE END RESULT & THE MEANS: in accordance with our conceptions of revolution as a process, the methods of struggle are in fact the same struggle itself; the ends of the struggle are not defined, nor the priority; with the groups & individuals that confront the state on a daily basis are the ones who choose the methods of struggle; & their objectives are noted in their dialectic relation between the practise & the theory. The opposition of violent struggles/non-violent struggles is false; the opposition is found amongst struggles manipulated by the powers & their represented ideologies, & by so many non-liberators (which can be equally violent or non-violent), & amongst autonomous struggles & by so many liberators.

ANTI-CAPITALISM: the surmounting of the logic of productivity & economy that is leading the world into destruction. This supposes to begin to renounce the mythos of work & morals, the myth of money & the myth of consumerism of shit (well, there is no other thinq being consumed under capitalism), towards reaching the maximum realization of happiness.

While this list may suffice as a minimum definition, it is by no means full or complete. Just off the top of my head are theories of anti-racism/colonialism, a critique of the spectacle, etc. We hope to see this discussion and the necessary criticism/self-criticism continued in future issues.

A Discussion About Hacking

Lately i've wandered further and further into the realm of cyberpunx. After several months of hitting underground bulletin board systems (flame it, baby), hanging out at 2600 meetings (lesssons in paranoia), getting access to internet (jack into the matrix...), dumpstering trash from IL Bell (dumpster nation!), building and using red boxes (free fone fun), and various other sundry pasttimes, i've started to get a feel of what the hacker-phreak community is like, and what possibilities and dangers cyberspace has to offer...

I decided to have this conversation with Lvx and Sarlo, so you and i could get an idea of how joe hacker sees things...

RESOURCES:

2600, the Hacker Quarterly, PO Box 752, Middle Island, NY 11953, (516)751-2600, $21/yr. An excellent magazine that has spawned a H-P network. There are 2600 meetings in 20 U$ cities and Munich, Germany the first Friday of every month, 5-8pm local time. Often people teleconference with groups in other cities. Call 2600 to find out about meetings in your area or starting your own.

PHRACK, phrack@well.sf.ca.us, an on-line H-P publication.

Wind Chill Factor: So define Hacking & Phreaking in your own view.

Sarlo: Basically exploration. Hacking is more computer-oriented, the exploration of computer networks, learning about computer software, learning how to manipulate it, changing it to fit our needs. Phreaking is the exploration of the telephone system, signalling, how to manipulate so we can jump to other circuits. The phone network & the computer network are becoming one, telephones & computers are now basically the same thing. And we're just trying to learn as much about it as we can, trying to get something for nothing.

Lvx: I'd say free phone calls is a big factor in phreaking, because, as it stands now, calling anyone not in your little part of the world is incredibly expensive. The actual manipulation of the phone system has fallen under the Hacking heading...

WCF: Well, why did you get into it?

Sarlo: When i first started, i saw it as a real cool thing where i could get into & see things that other people normally couldn't using the phone system.

Lvx: Getting something for nothing. We can use things that other people generally can't use cuz they dont have the right mindset. They don't get the opportunity...they never find out about all the little scams you can pull to get phree stuff. To really hack, you have to go against established norms of behavior...especially with regards to "property". So, people who are already supposed to doing unacceptable things, namely more subversive and criminal individuals, get into it...

WCF: What do you think 2600 is trying to do with these public meetings?

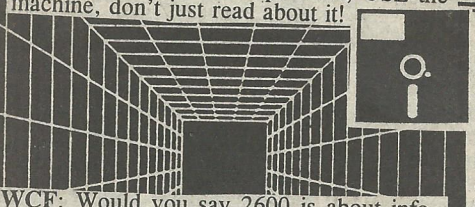
Sarlo: Get people together & allow them to finally connect a face & a voice to the words they see on the screen, plus to let people realize they don't have to hide behind a computer screen or a telephone. They can actually come out there & meet each other & not have to worry perpetually about being raided, as has been the case recently.

Lvx: It's sort of a way to thumb our nose at authority and say "We're not afraid of you. What we do is not wrong!"

WCF: Do you think there is a H-P "community"? It seems there's some polarization, with some being in it for money, others for scamming (Code Kidz!), and most for the exploration and learning. But can anyone, like, say there is a hacker "ethic"?

Lvx: Community! Ha! Too many folx in it for the notoriety,,,not the subject matter. Ethic, tho? Sure! But, no one claims they ever truly follow that ethic. It's sort of a medeley: learning how to scam, exploration to learn, etc. There is little money in hacking. I was personally just offered money to hack into a company's computers...however, since the company does not interest me, and since i don't believe in taking money for what i do anyway (not to mention receiving money to commit a felony...entrapment city), the ethic comes into play. In this case it is sort of a backwards thing...but, in general, there is a hacking ethic. It sez: get in, play around, but don't damage, and don't profit. The learning is all, ya see. In the case of getting calls for free---a very dark grey area. Technically, it's profitting, but since it's at the expense of the Phone Nazis, it evens out. They rob from us, we rob from them--it all comes out ok conceptually.

Sarlo: Yes, in most cases, its something inbred in us--don't destroy information, don't gain monetarily from the information found, and of course, "yield to the hands on imperative!" Whenever possible, USE the machine, don't just read about it!



WCF: Would you say 2600 is about info-sharing? If so, why aren't the meetings organized more towards skill-sharing? People seem to let the paranoia rule the meetings...

Lvx: No, not at this stage. The kind of info you can share is the kind of info that will get you busted--a public disclosure is generally not a smart move. The skill-sharing sort of happens, behind the scenes. It is difficult to explain hi-brow advanced concepts to people who lack a solid (if any at all) background in the subject. And, relying on elementary skills becomes tiring for the teacher (who often has little skill in teaching) to rattle off and the student to digest. There is a wealth of learning materials free for the taking (or stealing) about computers in general...in a basic sense. It is the advanced topics that are hard to find about...and that is what gets kicked around between the players that can understand it.

Sarlo: The meetings are based on total freedom--there's no agenda, no formal speakers (usually, this may change soon, however). The information sharing usually takes place after the meetings, in private discussion. But the meetings also provide a human side for what we do. We see each other as text across the screen. Its great to see faces to the name. But as for the spreading of information, we often forget what its like for someone to begin, or at least i do, and i tend not to actively shove the info in their faces. But if they choose to come up and ask how to start, what are good places to check out, etc., then i doubt you will find anyone more willing to give you the information, or if we don't have it, where you might find it, but they have to make an effort as well. Besides. Nobody ever went to jail for being paranoid.

This is our world now--the world of the electron and the switch, the beauty of the baud. We make use of a service already existing without paying for what could be dirt-cheap if it werten't run by profiteering gluttons, and you call us criminals. We explore--and you call us criminals. We seek after knowledge--and you call us criminals. We exist without skin color, without nationality, without religious bias--and you call us criminals. You build atomic bombs, you wage wars, you murder, cheat, and lie to us and try to make us believe its for our own good, yet we're the criminals.

Yes, I am a criminal. My crime is that of curiosity. My crime is that of judging people by what they say and think, not what they look like. My crime is that of outsmarting you, something that you will never forgive me for. I am a hacker, and this is my manifesto. You may stop this individual, but you can't stop us all.

--Manifesto of The Mentor, one of loose alliance of expert hackers known as the Legion of Doom.

Mr. Dan Carver, the Grand Wizard of the KKK in Tennesee got a surprise on his phone bill during the month of February. Seems someone called an anti-apartheid hotline in S. Africa and 3-wayed the $4000 bill to Carver. Sometimes there is justice.

WCF: Do hackers & phreaks, or the people involved in 2600 see themselves in opposition to big brother, the government, the corporations?

Sarlo: I dont think its so much institutions, like the govt or corps, so much as its an idea they hold. Our idea is that information should be free, that information shouldn't only be given out to a select few. A company believes that when they stamp confidential on a document, then the person who may come in contact with it has agreed with the company that they won't disclose the information, that it's private. Well, we've made no such agreement.

Lvx: Well i think that by necessity, yes, we are in opposition becuz information is turning into this same property thing where people try to OWN it. I personally don't see it that way--how can it be property when information isn't even physical? I don't know, the whole hacking thing is kind of opening up the door so that it goes out rather than in for profit.

Sarlo: Security is a joke. Intellectual property just a handjob.

WCF: I've heard talk about using technology to decentralize the control over information, but don't you think it only decentralizes it to the people who have access to it? Access to that technology?

Lvx: Information, in the useful sense, is a lot like heinz 57 sauce. You can't keep it bottled up. It never gets used up, and it keeps getting copied (thru brainz or otherwise), so eventually even the most carefully guarded secrets get spread around. A good library, for instance, has an incredible amount of information about almost everything. Technology moves that information into a more user-oriented mode...the hard part of searching and finding is done for you by computer..to your specs.

WCF: Do you see technology as aiding citizen participation in so-called democracy? Like TVs were originally supposed to have been used for?

Lvx: No. It might help people make more informed decisions, but I think as a whole democracy is going to hell. Soon.

WCF: So, in terms of communication thru nets, don't you see a danger in them being created and sustained by corps & govts? Internet was started by the Dept. of Defense, right? In the future, do you see them tightening their control over these nets?

Lvx: IRC [Internet Relay Channel] is maintained by no one. It's a self-serve thing. As for internet...it has evolved far beyond the makers hopes (and wants). No one controls internet. It is a symbiosis...information creators and info carriers.

WCF: I have here an article by Feral Faun on the "Cybernet of Domination", which argues that these new forms of tehnology which supposedly "decentralize" power and promote direct democracy and have the appearance of being liberating, are actually a more subtle form of social control. Already the cybernet permeates our homes, workplaces, schools, hang-outs...

Lvx: Yep, and it will never go away. Control it, or be controlled thru it.

Sarlo: Well one thing i personally would like to see is everybody in the world having access to computers. But everybody goes "Oh no, oh no my god! This is horrible, we're going to have commie people in here!..."

Lvx: It also seems that this central control is not just one big sprawling thing...its decentralized, there is no single final authority or group of authorities. Even the manufacturers have to get together to compromise on standards to maintain compatibility...

Sarlo: That's the whole thing about the network.

Lvx: There's so many networks...

WCF: I think what its saying by control is that you have to participate in the network in order to work within and take advantage of it...so you're bound by the network.

Lvx: Nah, you can expand it easily. Just look at your mailing list for anarchy [the anarchy-list]...that is a network in and of itself. It's not about control its just another medium...

Sarlo: What we're looking at is not so much control over...well there is control over access but a lot of it nowadays is social control. There's all these special interest groups that are self-important, that want a say in where the industry goes...there was a forum for Harpers Magazine on a computer system called the Well. It was originally created to be a kind of town hall forum, a free speech thing...

Lvx: Run by older hippies.

WCF: The electronic town hall idea is a way some people have put forward as a way to make democracy more direct..everyone have a computer and communicate through your computer.

Sarlo: What Ross Perot wanted to do. But the way he wanted it set up, you could only hit 1 for yes, there was no no option. If you said no it wouldnt allow you to voice your opinion...

Lvx: How are you going to get 250 million people with computers? That's an impossible logistics task, but also you wouldnt be able to talk at the same time. Everyone voicing their opinion is just too much noise. And i dont think that that sort of "democracy" could really exist, except in principle.

Sarlo: We have what, 32 billion people in the US...if Ross Perot ever got power and put a system like that into effect, the temptation to change or delete the messages, in effect squelch the american public...theres no doubt in my mind, the same goes for Clinton. Abuse of power.

WCF: This kinda relates to another criticism of electronic direct-democracy...that while it may help facilitate-control decision making (albeit with the usual separation of decision and action), the system itself cannot be questioned because it controls the questioning. Its like voting, you can vote for this government or that govt, but you cant choose an alternative to govt by the nature of the process.

Lvx: Agreement here. Just a facade of self-determination. Freedom of Choice is no freedom at all.

WCF: When your choices are limited...Well, coming from the anarchist perspective, there's a lot of questioning technology, and a fundamental question is is technology neutral? Obviously computer networks can be used and in terms of hacking taken advantage of...but isn't that even only partially offsetting the overall negative impact of these networks, as they're used by corps and govts to fuck people over?

Sarlo: They use us as scapegoats to say "Oh, we have to tighten security so we have to look thru your mail to make sure your not doing something wrong." Big Brother. Anybody who says that big brother doesn't exist is either part of the conspiracy or isn't paying attention. Look at the IBM building downtown. There's cameras all around the building. Why?

Lvx: What do they have to hide?

Sarlo: Not that so much as why are they so interested in the people walking down the street for? The potential for abuse by our side--which i'm not going to say hasn't happened--people have disconnected phone lines on a whim (ahem)--there have been people like that on our side...but the govt also uses us as an excuse to intrude on everybody elses privacy.

WCF: Everybody "else"?

Sarlo: The common people. They listen in on your phone conversations. When you make an international call, there's a computer that listens in on the call for key words: drugs, guns, terrorism, assassination, president...i mean they listen for those words and when they hear them they'll just start recording your conversation..then that recording goes to the NSA, the NSA takes the info and determines what department it should go to, if it should go to the FBI, etc. It may take months but it still gets filed and goes to an organization.

Lvx: Yeah, i see what you mean by how tech is used to control but i don't know, it's mostly because there's people with the resources to design it & implement and they get it first. This hi tech started with people with lots of money, lots of power, lots of resources, and they'll always stay one step ahead. You can buy a PC now for real cheap but you can't buy the cutting edge real cheap because it's not for you. Look at radar detectors. The tech becomes obsolete once it's in wide use, and the same company is marketing a new product.

Sarlo: Talk about companies, they're 6 generations ahead with microchip technology, they just won't release it, it's a marketing ploy. They wait 6 months for everybody to get something and then say "Oh, that's obsolete now, get this". And i dont even need the newest thing on the market i just need something that suffices

RED BOXING

A red box is a device that simulates the tones a quarter makes in a Bell telephone, thus enabling one to make free, fraudulent, long distance or international phone calls. While we at WCF would never conceive of defrauding Ma Bell, we thought it was pretty nifty how these things are made, and thought we'd share the info. The easiest way is just to buy yourself a Radio Shack 33-memory pocket tone dialer (about $25), and a 6.5536 mHz crystal. Open up the tone dialer, and first remove the little white disk speaker cuz its kinda unneccessary, and you need that room for the new crystal. Then remove the old crystal and attach the new one, using the white speaker wires if you want. Just solder to the spots the old crystal was connected too. Be careful you don't solder them together! Now seal it back up, and program 5 * (star) buttons into the memory. When you press the button, it emits tones close enough to simulate the tones you need and fool Ma Bell.

TIPS FOR USE: First, red boxes only work on Bell phones. Second, they are good for ld & intl calls usually. You can sometimes scam a local call by going thru the long distance carrier (dialing 102881-area code for example) or by asking the operator to dial the call for you. You can also program dimes (2 stars) and nickels (1 star). Don't abuse the same payphones repeatedly, as you will get them "adjusted" or worse, get caught. While skimming a bit off of Ma Bell's profits isn't a bad thing, red boxes are first and foremost a tool for phreaking--exploration of the phone system. Besides, overabuse will just get Bell to switch the systems so red boxes don't work, as is already the case in some parts of NY and CA. So have fun, but be careful.

Lvx: What can i do argue that technology is not used to control? Lots of things about it are evil...

Sarlo: Like a knife, it can be used as a tool to carve something out or to kill someone. It all depends on how it's used.

Lvx: But the people with the biggest power and resources make the biggest knives and can use them the best.

WCF: So you kind of see your role in society to be keeping Orwellian police-state society in check.

Sarlo: Not even so much in check so long as i'm able to keep myself and my friends outta trouble and let them know whats going on...i dont really feel an allegiance to the rest of the world where i feel i must let everybody know that this Orwellian future isn't just fiction. It's a dark future. Technology is going to be abused by both sides. I see all these people who drop acid, do shrooms and read Mondo 2000 and think computers are going to be the greatest thing on earth. It's going to be this magical superb thing and the thing is it's just not going to be.

WCF: Actually a big section of the Green Movement, of all people, does see technology as being useful in stopping eco-destruction and making society more democratic. Kind of a green techno-utopia.

Lvx: I am suspicious of the word utopia. It implies some sort of platonic ideal, and as we all know, plato just plagiarized socrates.

WCF: Well do you see this as a losing battle then?

Sarlo: Not so much a losing battle as a battle that can't ever be won by either side.

getting started

by Phord Prefect

So you watched something on TV and it was about hackers... you said "nifty"..... You read something on a BBS about free phone calling you said "cool"..... You started checking out books from the library about Knight Lightning, or maybe even blue boxing (*Esquire*, October 1971)... you said "wow"..... You got this magazine and said, "I have to do this" but didn't know where to start. Well, you're not alone....

Your curiosity overwhelms you, but yet you can't seem to find that little thing to start your exploration. You could try looking around for other hackers, but if they have a lick of sense they won't make it too obvious. Try looking harder, they might just come to you.

So this doesn't work... you just can't seem to find any, or they're mostly pirates and can't help you. Well, you're just going to have to get the balls to do something illegal in your life (but I'm not forcing you), so do something. This magazine is full of examples. Sure there's stealing MCI calling cards, building blue, red, or whatever boxes, but there are much deeper things. If you defraud the phone company, you're not a hacker, you just get free phone calls. You need a passion for the system. You need a willingness to learn a lot about the system before you do something.

If you're looking for free phone calls, hurry up and do that and stop wasting your time. Like I said, you're not a hacker, you just are bothered and need a little trick to get onto BBS's in some distant place.

If you have a curiosity for the system, then you're in the right place. The phone company is something so amazingly huge that one could probably spend a lifetime exploring it. This "exploring" is what *2600* is all about. I know that you computer genius teenagers don't need manuals for things (like computer programs and VCR's) and are really impatient, so you don't want the bullshit. You want to know how to get into systems *now*. Well, relax. You made a good decision buying this mag, but you have to learn first. You need to know this thing backwards and forwards or else you'll screw up and get caught.

So, in response to the beginners writing in and wanting to "know how to get free phone calls and other phone tricks", you need to get knowledge. Read everything you can get your hands on and when you feel the time is right, after you know exactly how, where, why, and when to do it, do it.

GETTING ONLINE

First acquire a computer and modem. If you can't steal or scam one, you can usually buy a cheap used IBM PC-compatible for about $300 plus $60 for a modem. If you're a student (or your friend is), you can probably get a free internet-access account at your college/univ. If not, there are various services that cost. The best in Chicago is Gagme (312)282.6806, info@gagme.chi.il.us. $50/yr, $35 students. For a list of such services around the U$, contact Todd at Love & Rage (email above, address in back).

Some worthwhile e-mail addresses:

loveandrage@igc.apc.org Love & Rage anarchist network/newspaper

iww@igc.apc.org Wobbly IWW syndicalist union

nlns@igc.apc.org New Liberation News Service

anarchy-list-request@cwi.nl Anarchy mailing list

spunk-list-request@lysator.liu.se Spunk Press electronic @ archive

activ-l@mizzou1.missouri.edu Activist mailing list

nyt!nyxfer@speedway.net NY Transfer News Collective, way-cool non-profit activist news distribution service

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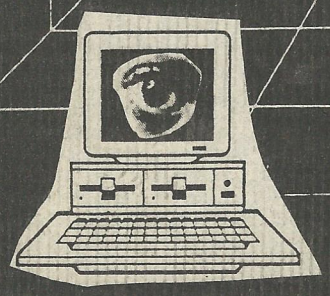


police state or social chaos?

Lvx: The world's not getting any bigger and the population's not getting any smaller and we can't seem to control it. The more people the more things get fucked up. I can't see a police state--they hate each other, the FBI, police, CIA...they work together but they each try to sabotage one another. The security forces have rebelled and have their own agendas now.

WCF: How about nation states breaking down? That's common in cyberpunk fiction. Will technological decentralization lead to state decentralization? Look at Eastern Europe right now, Russia, Bosnia. Already states seem to be getting more and subdivided. Often along ethnic, tribal lines.

Lvx: I hope so. I want the nation of Lvx...a nation of one...I figure most decisions would be unanimous!

WCF: Tell me about information services.

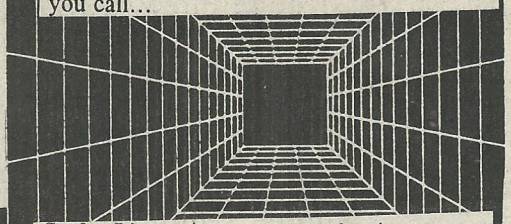
Sarlo: There's a service called Information On America which is basically a database on every single person in america. If you've ever filled out a form, it'll provide your home address, phone #, phone bills, payments, info on up to 10 of your neighbors...

WCF: Who has access to it?

Sarlo: It's $95 an hour to anybody. Some hackers have learned how to crack the system however.

Lvx: It's like Big Brother's subcontractor. There's so many info services. It's mostly info gathered for marketing.

WCF: In other countries people will refuse to take the census but in this country there is more control, there is more technology. Credit card records show everything you've bought, phone companies know everybody you call...



Sarlo: It's getting so you can't wipe yer ass without some agency knowing you're doing it.

Lvx: And what the breakdown of yer feces is.

WCF: Something interesting too is like the Museum of Science & Industry here in Chicago, like every little section they have is sponsored by some company that has an interest in pushing that topic. Like there's a big thing about petroleum and how great it is--sponsored by Amoco. Nothing about the Exxon Valdez or going to war for oil. They have really simplistic info, a lot of packed truths...

Sarlo: I've occasionally gone to the Illinois Bell section at the museum and passed out flyers about red boxes and how to make them. A museum is nothing more than a big cultural conditioning store.

WCF: Besides D.C. and the Bellcore incident, what other kinds of pressure has 2600 gotten?

Lvx: I think there's been some random incidents of harrassment, just people getting raided, and when people get raided especially by the SS, your stuff gets confiscated, no charges get filed...it's not so much to prosecute so much as to harass you and develop scare tactics...

According to Robert M. Groll of Microframe, less than three percent of harm to computer networks can be attributed to hackers. Sixty-five percent is caused by accident and 19 percent from disgruntled employees. Everything else is caused by disasters of some sort.

Sarlo: Boards containing "anarchist" material on creating explosives have been shut down for threatening social disruption...

WCF: A lot of "anarchist" material on bbs's that i've seen has been stupid chaos i-wanna-be-anarchy-blow-shit-up stuff, but there's also a fair bit of radicalism and anarchist influence.

Lvx: Sucks, doesn't it? It's a matter of public opinion. In the opinion of the public, anarchy=bombs & guns.

WCF: On the 2600 teleconference the other day i was talking to 2 hackers who were in the military, and i was thinking on one hand they work for the govt but on the other hand their hobby is something the govt finds criminal...

Lvx: Maybe they're saying you can work for the govt but still be against it?

Sarlo: It's the same thing with telephone company employees. Commmunications workers are getting fired left and right & the way they're being treated...and it's gettinng easier and easier to get into their computers! You can ask them for their password and say "Yeah, i'm a hacker" and they'll give it to ya!

Lvx: Yeah, lots of phone company employees really hate the phone company.

Sarlo: And that's something--a lot of computer crime is committed by disgruntled employees...

WCF: You've said before that the Tribune wanted to interview you but you refused. Why, and what do you think of the media's portrayal of hackers?

Sarlo: Newspapers will try to make things be as interesting as possible. Well, hackers can do cool things but...they say we break into credit agencies, find out all this info, shut down phone services...well, what they never point out is, yeah, we can do this but why shut things down? We're hackers not criminals...they never point out that we're out exploring. News is a lot of sensationalism, society gets off on negative things, and exploration is really unexciting especially in the realm of computers.

WCF: What do you think about tech being used in warfare on other countries? Like the supposed virus the US allegedly fed to iraqi computers to crash their air defences. Sarlo, you have a pretty individualistic approach to using tech to defend yourself, but what about you, Lvx? Are you a hero of the revolution?

Lvx: Well i'd protect anyone from it. I'm kinda the helpful sort, but yeah that kind of stuff sickens me. The government couldn't field any decent talent in the way of hacking. Hacking is an expression of defiance against the law, government is based on law. No good hacker could work for the man.

WCF: How would you suggest someone get started at hacking?

Sarlo: Buy a computer.

Lvx: Or steal a computer.

Sarlo: Rule #1 is get access. Or just start dialing numbers, pick an obscure prefix (the first 3 numbers) and just start dialing from 0000 to 9999. You'll find a lot of really interesting things usually from in prefix 99 and from 9900 to 9999.

Lvx: I started by going to the library and picking up some books, first on digital switching. It might not make any sense at first but just start playing around. Most of my starter info i got completely legally.

Sarlo: Things have changed tho, if you start asking questions about digital switching or ISDN, you'll get the hairy eyeball. Unless you're well known in telecom circles, if you start asking questions about how certain

Why They're Watching

Dear 2600:

In response to the "Why Won't They Listen" article, I have this to offer. I think we all know why the establishment will not listen. We have them scared senseless. Not scared in a physical sense, but a deeper sense. In a way we should congratulate ourselves. We demand change and people see us as a force with which they should reckon.

Unfortunately, the problem is that the establishment fears we are terrorists out to destroy all their possessions. They all sit around watching Geraldo and think we're launching missiles at the nearest hospital or shopping mall. In reality the average 16-year-old hacker's main interest is figuring out a way to change his grades and finding 800 back doors to 900 numbers. They think we work for some leader of a third world country or that we're child pornographers. Again, we all know what the reality is. We are interested in technology and would like to remove the greedy people from power who hoard it all.

The fear of the establishment is this (obviously); they are afraid of losing their control. Maybe they are afraid of another revolution. Who better to crush the system than people that understand the ways that the system imposes itself upon us and pries into every nook and cranny of our private lives. We all know that 80 percent of the people don't support George Bush. We can all see the lies the straight corporate media tries to feed us. Things are screwed up right now and people could get irate and change them, if they knew how. Who would be most adept at this? Who has the smarts enough to outsmart the system? *Hackers and phreaks!*

The other people that fear us are those who refuse to cut the umbilical cord of their MTV long enough to take a look at the world around them and be forced to think for five minutes.

People who are afraid of free speech and free thought like the CIA, and its previous leader George Bush, have learned well from Hitler's reign. They have learned to control what people say in the media and attempt to control what we say to each other. The Dutch resistance knew that in World War II and thus were probably the first "phreaks" by today's standards. They re-routed calls as to avoid being monitored by the Nazis. Do you think the Dutch would have survived if they sat around all day watching soap operas?

Maybe that's not what most of the computer underground is interested in, but it's why the establishment is afraid. Most of us don't like many of the bums that have power over us and they know it. Maybe today is not the day for a sudden change, but when it needs to come, we will have archived a wealth of information when it is needed the most!

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And hopefully we'll be able to find it.

Some interesting local BBS's to check out:
(708)265.1984 Room 101: H/P, lots of message and file bases
(312)463.0252 Red October: H/P
(312)262.7125 Woodge City: Mac-oriented. Kinda dull.
(708)459.7267 Hell Pit: Viruses, social issues.
(708)587.2398 Security: Survivalism. Some right-wing crap.
(708)934.6224 Far Post: Music and attitude.

PIRATE TV

All you need is a vcr and a tv antenna. Plug the antenna into the out socket and either throw in a tape or do a live transmission with a camcorder. The range for this is about 3-5 city blocks, sometimes farther. It comes in on channel 2 or 3, below 100 mWatts so its legal! So start your own community TV network!

tones work or anything people won't trust you.

Lvx: And i think it's a damn shame, we're all supposed to have phones and computers without knowing the secret workings...

Sarlo: It's all completely mindless. When you scan numbers, the telephone central office just goes nuts, they go "What the hell are you doing? Why are you scanning these prefixes? You shouldn't be doing this! Don't explore! You'll break our phone system!" It shouldn't cost 5 cents a minute to call 3 miles away either.

Lvx: There's so many things, stuff you're not ever supposed to find out, like where their operations are at. Their central offices are set up like fortresses--steel doors, cameras, you have to phone in to gain entry...I can see wanting to protect from random stuff, i mean it is everyones phone network even tho Illinois Bell thinks its theirs...and it's all fucked up...It's a fact of life now...not a luxury!

Sarlo: I don't think phone bills should exist, i think once we have a technology that's so integrated that we practically can't live without it then things need to be changed...electricity, gas, water,...this country needs an overhaul.

Lvx: I totally agree. If it's a necessity, i can see charging a little to provide for costs, but...pay for upkeep, pay for advances, but not so rich wanks can pad the ole portfolio.

Sarlo: It's just profiteering gluttons serving themselves.

WCF: Where's 2600 going?

Sarlo: Word is getting out, it's really easy to set up a meeting. The thing to remember about 2600 meetings is there's no rules, that's what's really cool about this network of computers where people communicate without racial bias, without gender, yer just judged by who you are & what you do, how you act...and we have corporations and govt coming in and saying what we can and cannnot do. They're going to regulate everything. Why do credit rating companies even have info on whether you're white or black, why should it matter?

WCF: You have to admit that computers are still mostly used by white, male, middle class types. And i've seen lots of sexism on bbs's, which are mostly playgrounds for boys it seems. And i've seen bbs's with racist material--right-wingers use the nets too.

Lvx: Yep, gotta have money and an introduction to play. I'll be the last person to deny that BBS's are lame. A great majority are just little playgrounds. Occasionally, there are decent forums where actual OPINIONS and IDEAS are argued rather than childish insults...and it is these few places that make it semi-worthwhile.

WCF: So while hackers are eager for equality in the net, why don't they fight for equal acces to the net?

Lvx: We do. Every time you steal an account, you increase access to the net. If you want in, you have to grab it. When you crawl to Papa Gore and say "Oh, please, can we have access to the future?", the reply is "Of course! Money permitting! If no one minds!" with an unsaid "On our terms, where we let you, when we let you, and with us watching every step. "Access for al" means access to little, if any at all.

WCF: Do you feel dealing with just a computer for communication is dehumanizing? Its much more impersonal than direct contact, and look at the tendency of people to "flame up".

Lvx: Not any more than the telephone. Text communication allows more thought to be taken in how you reply to things...some people just don't take that time...

Sarlo: Not so much dehumanizing as treating people as individuals...sort of like 2600 meetings are big but not gigantic, and they still allow people to be individuals. On the computer, if you log on and you see lots of people on there--its words. It's not just words so much as ideas and peoples actions. And people on computers produce real tangible results. I think one of our greatest vulnerabilities to computers is our reliance on them. We rely on them blindly. We assume they're always going to be there. Our reliance on technology is going to be our downfall. Computers are great to explore and all...but look at people and television. Hell, they can't even change a channel without a remote control and can't even figure out how to hook up the vcr...

Lvx: Technology being used even as a convenience that other people can control--and they know how to, and they have all the specs, all the ins and outs, but they don't want to let anyone else to know the ins and outs, cuz that would empower them.

Sarlo: Look at how manuals are written...incredible bureaucracy...virtually no way to right off the bat understand it all. They make it so that they can keep the common person in check, so that they suddenly don't come up with the inspiration to create something. They want to monopolize it.

Lvx: Information as property, this is mine, you can't know it.

Sarlo: Intellectual property is a joke. The idea that you can go to prison for looking at a document is absurd. I've learned security holes out of necessity because i want to learn how to use the computers, but i could live quite comfortably without any type of security, being able to log right in i would love it. The only problem with security i see is enormous databases like TRW & Info On America, where info is being harmfully abused. I'm totally against the amassing of that kind of data anyways. If you break into TRW and look at your own credit report, you're in violation of law, but they can amass all this info on you without your permission and sell it to other people.

WCF: Do you think elite BBS's are necessary? Are you "elite" enough?

Lvx: I am so 3leeT it hurts. There will always be a separation between the tourists and the dwellers. Computers are not without risks...so until one can individually make progress, it is pointless to give out sensitive information. You don't let children play with the guns until they know what the guns can do.

WCF: Do you consider "ego" to be a problem in the h-p community?

Lvx: Ego ain't so much of a problem once you meet people face to face. It kills a lot of the supposed superiority one feels.

WCF: Are you cyberpunks?!

Lvx: No. I am a technarchist...in the techno, anarchist, and narccistic sense of the word...

WCF: Any last words?

Lvx: Buy our record.

This is of course, just the beginning...we will have more on this in furure issues, and we encourage those of you who can to use this information and get started...

WE NEVER SLEEP. . .

by.....FUCK

"THE URGE TO DESTROY IS A CREATIVE URGE!"

DISCLAIMER: The practices described herein are for curiosity's sake only. Only fools would participate or encourage others to participate in these silly, illegal, mortal activities.

Don't Get Caught!

My dad used to tell me he didn't care about what i did, as long as i didn't get caught. So this column is in salute to him, for instilling the will to get away from the scene of a crime at an early age...

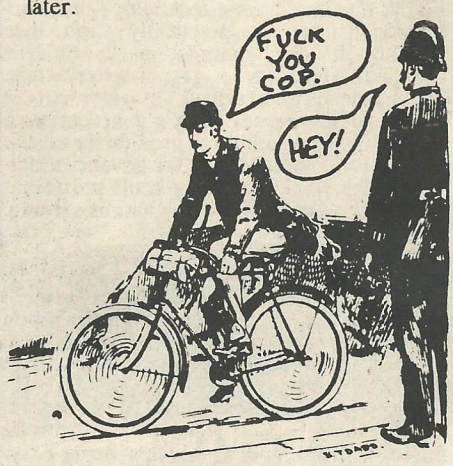
When planning some type of direct action, there is always the risk of getting caught, whether thru bad planning or bad luck. This is usually something you want to avoid, as getting beaten up, arrested, and generally stressed out is not very healthy. So here's some tips i have for successful evasion & escape.

The Plan: Obviously, the better you plot your action, the better your escape chances are. First off, you should always know the complete layout of the area in which the action will take place. Memorize details like dead ends, locked doors, video cameras, guards, the nearest public transport, places with crowds you can hide in, and other spots that are advantageous or not. If you're doing something serious, you will want to stake the place out in advance and get familiar with the routine: people coming & leaving, guard/cop rounds, lights on at 9, etc. Never carry anything incriminating and look inconspicous when scoping things out. Have a good story. Visit the place 1 week before the action, at the same time it would take place, and again one day before. Consider doing a dry run, without any "equipment", just to see what happens. If you can, get "insider info" from an informant, friend, or someone who's good at "social engineering". Most importantly--have a getaway route, and at least one alternative. Always make contingency plans, like what to do if you're seperated, and have alternative meeting times and places. If there is someone crucial to the escape, like a driver, they should not take part in the action itself.

Security: It doesn't help to make plans if other people find out about them, so be security conscious at all times. Don't talk on the phone, brag, or blab to your friends. If your plan is in writing, dispose of it (best to burn and crumple ashes or flush). When going on the action, minimalize the amount of evidence possible. Only carry what is necessary, touch nothing without gloves, etc. Don't take risks, cuz yer freedom is at stake. I will cover all the various security tips in a future segment.

The Hit: When doing the action, there are several points to keep in mind. If you are doing it in a public place (hanging a bannner in a govt building, spilling polluted slime back on a multi-death company's floor, disrupting a speaker, etc), you'll want to be quick and to the point. Set up distractions to cover your action and escape. This can be done by pulling fire alarms, setting off smoke bombs, creating a public "scene", etc. If possible, wear some kind of disguise, even if its just a hat and sunglasses.

If your action is more clandestine, you'll want to be fast as well, but also focus on creating as little light and noise as possible. Dress darkly, to hide in shadows, and don't wear shiny metal that will flash in a light. If you're acting in the dark, adjust your night vision beforehand (5 minutes is good, half an hour best), and don't ruin it by looking at lights, etc. If you need to use a flashlight, cover the lens with electrical tape leaving only a small slit for the light, and use a red lens so as not to foil your night vision. It helps to cover one eye as well. As always, leave no traces. Its not much good escaping if they'll just track you down later.



THE CITY CYCLIST.

Watching Eyes: Lookouts are all important. It is best to situate them so they can view all approaches and still have time to signal you. While communicating thru radios may be good, often silence is important and non-verbal communication must be used. If outdoors, consider using binoculars. Police Scanners are also a valuable tool, and knowing how to spot pigs is just important as well (see side sections). Also beware of eyes watching for you, specifically video cameras. Some will have infrared and be able to see you in pitch darkness. These little devils really consume as they are infesting our society, and i recommend everyone to disable them wherever you find them. Spraypaint over the lens works well, as will wads of gum and glass etching fluid, pulling their wires, etc. It is sometimes possible to burn out the cone of cameras by pointing the flash gun of a camera directly into the lens.

Some places have security offices with only one or two phone lines that a friend can tie up, or even better yet alarms that dial out when tripped. These can be blocked as well, if you can find the number (usually requiring access to their junction box--see the sidenotes on beige boxing--and your local ANAC number, which will give you a recording giving you the number your'e calling from...curently 270-1111...(keep dialing 1's) in Chicago). Also, you can knock out phone lines by tying a brick to a nylon cord, throwing it over the wire, and getting two or more people to pull it down. Usually quite a struggle.

The Getaway: This is where planning is key. First your escape route should be planned, with bicycles, waiting cars, etc. ready for you. Bicycles and motorbikes are best, as they can go places police cars cannot. Bikes are also quiet! Depending on the situation, you may have to do things like cut a hole a fence, block open a door, etc. Second, you should have tricks for dealing with pursuit. Have a lock in set to close off a door once you're through. Carry marbles or ball bearings so pursuit will have a hard time finding their footing. Third, get rid of all evidence as quickly as possible. Plan to dump your stuff in a certain dumpster to pick up later (note that police will sometimes check these). Have a change of clothes ready to switch your identity. Layers are good for this, as are reversible jackets.

Accomplices can help out with this easily. You can switch bags with a friend who walks off with it unnoticed. Your friends can also stall, confuse, or block pursuit.

If you're being sought after, whether by cops, guards, or irate citizens, there's several things to keep in mind. First off, you should try to fit in. Don't run or appear nervous, relax, and try to mix in

Spotting Cops in Chicago

Undercover cops can be identified usually just by how they look. Older white men who look out of place. Sometimes their pockets will bulge from carrying their handcuffs. Sometimes they will have radios. Chicago cops are not allowed to wear beards (except for vice cops), and quite a few wear mustaches. They will usually have a belligerent authoritarian attitude as well. The best way to learn to spot cops is to go down to a pig station and scope em out. I've learned a lot of my neighborhood cop's faces just by hanging out in cheap diners a lot.

Chicago undercover cop cars are even easier to spot. Almost all of them are the slick new Chevrolet caprice classics, usually in a dark color. These are hard to spot from a distance at night, but it helps to look for the rectangular low headlights and the slope down to the front these cars have. Look for big or double antennas as well, or even the lack of things like bumperstickers, furry dice, etc. Almost all chicago cop cars are identifiable by their license plates: they start with an M (for municipal vehicle) and then 2 numbers, usually in the 50-90 range, with a space, followed by 3 more numbers or letters. I've also seen plates starting with YPY and TFE as well. Again, go to a pig pen and check em out.

with a crowd of people. Try to appear as if you're going about legitimate business. Have an alibi. Remember that suits will let you get away with a lot. If you're in a vehicle, have a woman drive.

For immediate pursuit, you may wish to know some self-defense techniques in case you get grabbed or attacked by someone violent. You may wish to consider carrying mace, although its sometimes illegal and its use can be considered assault. With mace, the most effective is that used by law enforcement agencies. If you're being pursued at night, a nifty device to have is one of those small, hand-held, battery-powered strobe lights that are used for taking flash photos. Get a unit that will flash rapidly, and hang it on a short cord around your neck. Just flash it several times, remembering to close your own eyes, and you will temporarily blind them. You can even leave it in the area to fuck with them while you run if its free on fingerprints. If the unit's button is exposed and easy to accidentally press, build a protective ring around it, layer by layer, with a thick, hard, adhesive.

If you're being pursued in a vehicle, you are most likely to elude them by out-thinking them than outrunning them. Besides, high speed car chases are dangerous to you and bystanders. You should know the area and have tricks in mind, so that a couple of sharp turns wil get you out of sight and then out of the area, with them confused. If your being chased at night, cutting your lights and making a quick turn at a second when you're not in sight will likely send them shooting past you.

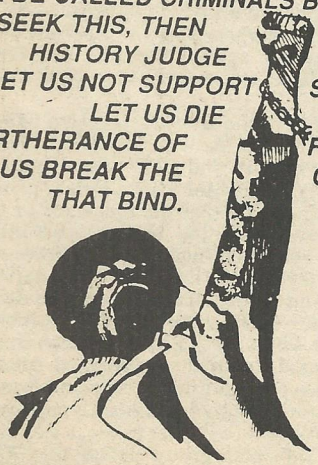
Most importantly, be in shape. Being able to run fast and for long distances is your best bet for escape.

Note that this info on evasion is mostly for urban actions. For info on non-urban getaways, including dodging search parties in the wild, get ahold of a copy of Ecodefense, edited by Dave Foreman.

CELTIC NOTES

IN A SOCIETY WHERE THE LAW UPHOLDS EXPLOITATION AND ORDER SUPPORTS INJUSTICE AND FASCISM, WE MUST BY NECESSITY BREAK THE CHAINS THAT CONFINE US AND OTHERS TO SLAVERY AND INJUSTICE.

IF WE BE CALLED CRIMINALS BECAUSE WE SEEK THIS, THEN LET HISTORY JUDGE US. BUT LET US NOT SUPPORT SLAVERY, LET US DIE IN FURTHERANCE OF FREEDOM, LET US BREAK THE CHAINS THAT BIND.



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WE NEVER SLEEP
TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Phone Phun--Beige Boxing for the Absolute Beginner

Beige boxing--the oldest form of phreaking. It is THE easiest way to go if you don't have a real clue about how phones work. Ya see, ever since AT&T and the Bell System broke their long association, and the Bell system was further broken up into regional phone companies, the question of where Bell's responsibility for your phone line ends has been hard to answer. BUT: Enter the network interface box. This is the box on the side of your house or place of business that defines where your phone system (inside the building) and the fone network (outside the building) meet. It is most often beige (but can be silver or black) hence the name "Beige Box". Who the fuck cares, right? WRONG!!! In order to let the network user find out where trouble lies when the fone craps out, the 2 networks are connected by a standard RJ-11 modular find-it-on-the-end-of-every-fone plug. To "test" the system, you plug in a phone to the socket and listen. If you get a dial tone, then the problem lies inside the building and it is none of Bell's worries. If you don't get a dial tonethen the problem is in the lines leading to your house and it IS Bell's problem. Now, go and find someone you don't particularly like. Open their Network Interface Thingy. Unplug their "fone system". Plug your fone in. Call whomever you want. It's on THEIR BILL. In apartments and other large buildings, there are lots of fone lines going into the same building. To sort them out and provide the same buffer that the NIB offers, there is a junction box on the side of the building or in the basement. To access this, you need some gator clips. Get a book on telephone electronics and remember: RED-RING-RIGHT. As a final note, to get into these boxes, you need a nutdriver. Get a 3/8" and a 7/16" nutdriver, and you will be able to get into any Bell 'box unless it's locked, uses an old-style hex screw, or is welded shut.

Simplex Locks Once Again

One tip for Simplex locks (see last issue)...Most people who create a combo make it something that is GEOMETRICALLY easy to remember. Especially on the kinds that have a circular button array...an example being (25)(34). The rest make it NUMERICALLY easy to remember...as in (3)(2)(1).

Reach out and touch someone. Lvx.

Here's another batch of 1-800 #'s to harass for those long waits atr train stops. These calls are free, but cost the scum money, and allow you to get your word in. Always call from a pay phone, as all 800 #'s have ANI (automatic number id) which gives them the number you're calling from.

1-800-
724-4197 Software Security International, an anti-piracy firm.
562-0016 Trinity TV, producing anti-choice videos
767-7258 Victory Won, anti-choice propoganda distro
726-7105 Youth Life Intnl, more lifer merchandise
736-4567 American Portrait Films, produced the ridiculous lifer film "The Silent Scream", full of misinformation
289-2646 Bradshaw & Assoc., produce the Warfare tape series, of right-wing christian theocrat strategy
825-5532 Kentucky Fried Chicken Murder, now sponsoring anti-drug school programs

WHERE TO CALL

Here are telephone numbers citizens can call with complaints of waste, abuse, fraud or neglect in government agencies:

- Agriculture: 1-800-424-9121
- Commission on Civil Rights: 1-800-552-6843
- Commerce: 1-800-424-5197
- Defense: 1-800-424-9098
- Education: 1-800-647-8733
- Energy: 1-800-541-1625
- Environmental Protection Agency 1-800-424-4000
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. 1-800-964-3342
- Federal Emergency Management Agency: 1-800-323-8603
- General Services Administration: 1-202-501-1780
- Health and Human Services: 1-800-368-5779
- Housing and Urban Development: 1-800-347-3735
- Interior: 1-800-424-5081
- Justice: 1-800-869-4499
- Labor: 1-800-347-3756
- NASA: 1-800-424-9183
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission: 1-800-233-3497
- Resolution Trust Corp.: 1-800-833-3310
- Transportation: 1-800-424-9071
- Treasury: 1-800-359-3898
- Veterans Affairs: 1-800-488-8244

Reach Out and Touch Someone

News item from the *Los Angeles Times*: "An enterprising hacker reached out and touched someone 11,733 times in August from a freeway emergency call box in Orange County. A computer that monitors the county's emergency call boxes attributed 25,875 minutes of calls to the mysterious caller who telephoned people in countries across the globe."

GOVERNMENT WARNING

This area is under the control of a GOVERNMENT. You should be ALARMED.

The BATF reported 958 bombing incidents last year, the highest in 15 years. Police blame teens gathering information on explosives recipes via computer and modem.

There was a 50% increase in the number of homemade explosives found this year.

ELFSHOTS
short tips for midnight gremlins

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if you're an avid slingshot user, get ahold of those little glass bottles of model paint. They do some colorful damage. Also, certain small bottles of mexican malt drinks, when shaken up, explode on impact, sending some nasty-smelling liquid all over the place. Wonderful for windows.

If you need social security number to use, here's Richard Nixon's: 567-68-0515

Fuse wire, cut diagonally to male sharp points, and twisted around a length of narrow-link chain so that each point is in a different direction, is an easy and quick way to produce caltrops. It will puncture the tire of a vehicle travelling at speed. (Green Anarchist)

While damaging eco-raping companies is good, helping to reseed the land is even better. You can make seed bombs by mixing seeds with wallpaper paste (check it is a kind without fungicide), and placing the mixture in small quantities in paper bags. Spread the seed where you will. Make sure to use native species to your bioregion!

Free coke! There's an 11 digit code on the bottom of coke cans. the first is the last digit of the year, and the next 3 are the day of the year it was packaged (so 2151 was packaged on the 151st day of '92). Diet coke has nutrasweet, which goes sour after 90 days. So grab a can of diet coke, backdate the first four digits by about four months, and call Coke at 1-800-GET-COKE and complain it made you sick and tasted awful. They'll ask for the code, then apologize and send you coupons for free coke products!

SCANNERS

These are basically radios that monitor public service frequencies, and are useful for listening in on what the police are up to. I recommend getting a handheld one with an ear plug so you can port it around and look all secret service like at demos (wearing a balaklava or a scarf will hide the earplug). Scanners are kind of expensive, running from $100-500, so try either stealing one or looting a Radio Shack during a riot. Anyways, they come in quite handy when dealing with cops, plus you can sometimes pick up other neat things.

Here's some important frequencies for freaks from Chicago. You can get more in-depth frequency listing guides from Radio Shack or other electronics store for about $10 of free if you're wily.

460.125 Traffic, Public housing, gangs
460.175 Canine Units, Mounted Police, Vice,
Narcotics, Intelligence, Crime Lab
460.275 Maintenance Requests, Film Unit
460.325 Youth Division, Marine Unit
460.350 Emergencies, Special Events, Subway units
460.250 Emergencies, special events, surveillance
460.300 command unit, district to district
460.525 car to car, tactical
460.475 Gangs
460.075 gangs

We also recommend listening to scanners to get accustomed to cop lingo. For info on police call signs and such, send a stamp to WCF.

If anyone should hear anything illuminating or interesting while scanning, we at WCF would love to hear about it.

The Revolution Will Not Be Motorized

On Dec.5th, rush hour traffic in Oxford England was gridlocked when 40 bicyclists from Green Action and Cyclox began peddling en masse around a strategic roundabout in the city, infamous for the number of accidents careless motorists have caused those on bikes.

The cops took over half an hour to arrive after their patrol car and van were trapped in the jam. Unfortunately for them, the bicyclists were behaving entirely legally! The cops were forced to arrest one for riding without lights and threatening the others, whom they couldn't catch as they cycled away. The arrestee was released without charge.

Oxford Earth First!

Christian Democrats in Germany continue to press for a huge increase in police powers, one that would allow cops to put bugs and video cameras in homes and, in some cases, adopt criminal tactics. They claim this is needed to counter organized crime and left-wing terrorist groups. According to the Interior Minister, Wolfgang Schauble, "In the long term we will not be able to avoid using technical methods in people's homes if we want to combat organized crime."

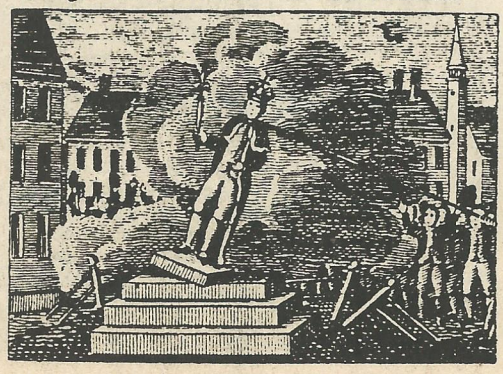
■ A 14-year-old Chicago youth was charged with criminal damage to property after a rock he threw hit the driver's door of a police car in the 9000 block of South Hermitage Avenue late Wednesday. The youth was arrested in the 1700 block of West 91st Street after a brief chase and turned over to youth officers.

WE START YOUNG IN CHICAGO!

The Air Force is investing in $30,000 fax tappers, each of which is capable of monitoring four phone lines for "communications security violations". Every time a fax is sent on one of the lines, a copy is also sent to a laptop computer. Forty of the machines have been ordered so far. Each of them is also capable of monitoring and storing modem communications.

Clayoquot Arm Bridge Burned

On Sun. May 16, a bridge to the Clayoquot area in BC, currently being logged to death, was set ablaze. It was the second bridge to have been burned in the area in the past two years, along with 2 boats. Unfortunately, 3 forest activists were arrested at a police roadblock, and have been charged with attempted murder because a security guard drove onto the bridge after it was afire. Contact Terra Prima! to support the 3 and the struggle against logging: TP/A-5 1720 Douglas St./Victoria BC/V8W 2G7/Canada.



Some Charges Dropped in First Spiking Trial

Off Idaho route 12, where Post Office creek flows into the Lochsa River, is a 187-acre clearcut. Back in March, 1989, when there was still a forest there, someone tried to save it. With gloves and hammer someone pounded 500 pounds of eight inch spikes into the trees in a vain attempt to preserve the pristine forest.

In March, 1993, five men (John "Spicer" Blount, Jeff Fairchild, Dan LaCrosse, Arvid Hartley, and Neil McLain) were charged in this action.

In early June, Hartley and McLain agreed to testify against the other three in return for reduced sentences. Both admitted to spiking trees with the intent to hinder the Post Office Creek timber sale, a misdemeanor. The maximum sentence is one year in jail.

Blount and Fairchild were originally accused of two counts each of conspiracy, tree spiking, and willfully injuring and committing depredation against property. LaCrosse was charged with two counts of conspiracy. All three had been charged under the 1988 "war on drugs" crime bill. The bill contained provisions introduced by then-Senator James McClure of Idaho which called for severe penalties for tree-spiking if the damage was valued at over $10,000.

On Friday, June 4, Blount decided not to contest the charges. In the face of overwhelming evidence against him, he decided to make a political statement of the trial. He would admit to buying spikes and paint, and making one of two trips to the site. He would not deny spiking trees in Post Office Creek.

At this point, however, the government's case began to unravel.

On June 9, the third day of the trial, all charges against LaCrosse, and all charges against Blount and Fairchild related to the McClure legislation, were dropped. The prosecution was unable to prove that the spiking had caused over $10,000 damage.

Perhaps more significantly, the government failed utterly in its attempt to link the EF! Direct Action Fund to the spiking.

Blount and Fairchild still face charges of willful and malicious damage to government property and conspiracy. Blount considers himself a political prisoner, persecuted for his environmental views. He has entered a plea of no contest. Fairchild has pleaded innocent.

FRAME-UP EXPOSED IN EARTH FIRST! BOMBING

Exactly three years ago, a bomb exploded in Earth First activist Judi Bari's car, nearly killing her and Darryll Cherney. Within minutes of the explosion, the FBI and OPD arrested Bari and Cherney for the bombing on a claim that the bomb had been located in the back seat of the car, meaning it was visible to them and thus their bomb. After 8 weeks, the police and FBI admitted there was no evidence on which to prosecute and dropped the charges. Bari and Cherney have filed a lawsuit against the FBI and OPD charging false arrest and other civil rights violations.

As a result of the lawsuit, revealed photos and police reports show conclusive evidence that prove the FBI and OPD were lying and deliberately framed the pair. Police photos show quite clearly that the epicenter of the explosion was under the front seat, while the back seat remained undamaged. However, to this day there has been no serious investigation of the bombing, despite death threats Bari had received. The bombing took place while Earth First! was mobilizing for Redwood Summer, a series of actions aimed at saving old-growth redwood forests from clear-cutting by big timber companies. The timber industry and an anti-environmental group called the Wise Use Movement created an atmosphere of terror by distributing false documents about Earth First! and Bari and Cherney, and actually encouraging violence against them.

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

TURKEY

Stephan Waldberg, a volunteer for the community Radio Dreyeckland in Germany, was arrested in January and sentenced to 3 years and 9 months in prison. He was charged with "acting as a courier for the (Kurdish Workers Party) PKK and distributing PKK propaganda". As volunteer for a community radio station, Waldberg is not being granted the rights normally granted to paid journalists. How fucked.
Letters of fiery protest can be sent to your local Turkish embassy or consulate and:

Mr. Klaus Kinkel
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Auswaertiges Amt
Adenauerallee 99-103

D-5300 Bonn 1 Germany

Send copies of letters and faxes to:

Radio Dreyeckland
Alderstr. 12 7800 Freiburg, Germany

we see the ILL in ILLINOIS

The Governor's Task Force on Crime and Corrections has finally issued its final report. Utterly failing in its mission of finding alternatives to incarceration in Illinois prisons, the task force instead has recommended a sickening set of proposals including building a $60 million control unit prison and most telling, converting Ascension High School in East St. Louis into a prison.
Close to 100 people attended a diverse panel of social activists presented by the Committee for End the Marion Lockdown on May 16 in Chicago. The Program was a momentum builder for a demo held on May 21. Close to 100 people attended the demo at which a 60 foot banner reading, "No Super Max Prison" was dropped over the edge of the state of illinois building atrium.
Write CEML for their excellent refutation of the task force's report.

Committee to End the Marion Lockdown
PO Box 578172 Chicago IL 60657-8172

INDIANA

We also must tell you about a righteous and enlightening prison newsletter called *Human Rights Held Hostage* written entirely by anonymous inmates and produced by

The Committee For Freedom
PO Box 14075 Chicago IL 60614-0075

send $6.50 (or more) for 12 monthly issues of this New Afrikan oriented revolutionary prison publication. More of a 'zine than a newsletter, #2, feb 1993, was 27 pages of insight, fire and fury.

MINNESOTA EIGHT

Eight African-American men are being held in connection with the shooting of a Minneapolis cop. Several of them have been beaten while in custody and others are being held without adequate legal help. All have been declared guilty by the cops and media before any trial.
The Committee Seeking Equal Justice for the Minnesota Eight urge you to see this case in a larger context of a long standing attack on the African American community in the US. While African-Americans comprise 12 to 13% of the population, we represent 47% of the people awaiting trail or serving terms in local jails, over 40% of the prisoners on death row and 45.3% of the total inmate population in state and federal prisons.
To get information, send letters of support or donations:

The Committee Seeking Equal Justice for the Minnesota Eight
PO Box 40355
St Paul MN 55104

HAWAII

Gerald Kaonahi Keli'ikui'aupuni Carmack (Keli'i), a 22 year old Navy Medic with the Marine Air Group 24 on Oahu faces court martial proceedings for being AWOL. His trial will be expressly political given that he is active in the Hawaiian Independence movement and has applied for conscientious objector status.

Obtain more information from and send legal defense donations to:

GI Resistance Defense Fund
c/o Eric Seitz
820 Miliani St Ste 714
Honolulu HI 96813

A pamphlet which includes Keli'is CO discharge application statement is available from:

The Bloomington Anarchist Union
PO Box 3207
Bloomington IN 47402-3207

PRISONER JUSTICE DAY

August 10th is commemorated by prisoners and their supporters as Prisoners' Justice Day (PJD). It is a day when they join together in solidarity to remember those who have died unnatural deaths in prisons: victims of suicide, murder and neglect as a direct result of the brutal conditions of prisons. PJD is a day when prisoners fast and refuse to work in common resistance against the prison system and its oppression.

Increasing awareness of PJD created by prisoners has developed into m any demonstrations, services and vigils outside prisons by prisoner rights activists and the many groups they have formed. This increasing support has also resulted in the international recognition of PJD which originated in Canada.
Traditionally, there has been a tremendous show of solidarity among federal prisoners in Canada. On PJD, they refuse food, refuse to work, and take time to remember their fallen sisters and brothers. PJD has also become a day when prisoners make their demands for change within prisons known. Among other demands are; education, treatment/prevention of HIV/AIDS, abolition of the death penalty and inhuman sentences, recognition of prisoners human rights, and systems of accountability for prison administrations. August 10th is the day to remember that whereas many people have been sentenced to serve time in prison, many do not survive.

WESTERN SHOSHONE NATION

Western Shoshone Elder Clifford Dann remains a political prisoner of the united states. "I am a political prisoner of the United States and demand my unconditional release," Clifford Dann declared in his statement to the Nevada Federal Court. "As a sovereign citizen of the Western Shoshone nation, I have never accepted, and do not now accept, their court's jurisdiction over me and I reject the public defender assigned to supposedly represent me in this forum."
Dann was sentenced on May 17th to 9 months in prison and a $5000 fine after being wrongly convicted of assaulting a federal officer.
"After taking away our livelihoods and our lands, you are taking away our lives," cried Dann on Nov. 19, 1992 while attempting to stop the confiscation of Western Shoshone livestock by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
The Danns have lived in Newe Segobia, the Great Basin region of Nevada since time immemorial. They have been engaged in an armed stand-off with BLM agents since April 10, 1992. On November 19, the BLM returned in a military-style invasion using over 40 armed agents, law enforcement vehicles and helicopters.
The Western Shoshone claim grazing rights to the disputed lands under the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley which has never been abrogated. Contact:

Western Shoshone Defense Project
General Delivery
Crescent Valley Nevada 89821
vox: 702 468 0230 fax: 702 468 0237

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

The Anarchist Black Cross is an international prisoner support organization. In the 1800's the ABC provided first-aid on the barricades. In our century, it evolved into anarchist prisoner support. Today, active ABC groups support other prisoners as well including: Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War, Class Struggle/Social Prisoners and Fightback Prisoners. It's obvious we hope, that the ABC advocates the abolition of prisons, but in the meantime…
The following reports are inexcusably brief condensations of over 50 pages of material. We encourage you to contact any of the parties listed or us for more information. Public pressure in the form of letters has been effective in the past, and mail can be incredibly uplifting to prisoners, so please take a moment to write!

RACINE

Prisoners at the Racine Correctional Institution in Wisconsin have been hit by a wave of persecution for publicizing inhumane conditions inside the prison as well as refusing to surrender their political outlooks. Inmates Adrian Lomax and Dale Austin have been given hard time for writing "disrespectful" articles in outside publications. Both, along with Alex Rasmussen are having both incoming and outgoing mail censored.

Also, according to Tyree Goodrich, a Native American inmate at Racine, a recent prison ruling makes it impossible to continue Native American religious practices. The ruling requires all such practices to be open to any interested party, creating an atmosphere which "would be disrespectful to our ancestors, beliefs and nations."
Please consider yourself encouraged to vent some hostility or enlightenment towards:

Warden Oscar Shade, Security Director Chris Ellerd or Captain Linda Milliren at
2019 Wisconsin St. Sturtevant WI 53177

Letters of support and encouragement can be sent to:

Tyree Goodrich,Dale Austin #76660
Adrian Lomax #116387,Alex Rasmussen #237396
PO Box 900-I Sturtevant WI 53177

MOLDAVIA

Tamara Burdenko and Igor Herogenreorder, her husband, are being repressed by the Moldavian government. After denouncing the authoritarian government and the growth of fascist ideology, the pair have been fired, threatened and otherwise harassed. The Confederation of Anarcho-Syndicalists in the Commonwealth of Independent States have organized a support campaign.
Letters of protest should be sent to:

The People's Court for Buyukan Sector
Moldavia, Kishniev - 1
ul M. Vistyazul, d.2
President of the Court

Parliament
Moldavia, Kishniev - 1
ul Stefan cheu Mare, d.105
Secretariat of the Moldavian Parliament
Human Rights Commission

President
Moldavia, Kishniev - 1
pl Velikogo Natsionalnogo Sobraniya, d.1
Mircha Ion Snegur

GREECE

Anarchists Jiorgos Balafas, Wasiliki Michu and Andreas Kiriakopolos were arrested in Athens and charged with founding a terrorist organization, assassinations and bombings. Or, as Balafas puts it in a a press release, "Cops lie today just as they always have, just because my ideas and my way of life are radically opposed to the existing system and its values-and many people think this way!- that makes us dangerous to them. But it has nothing to do with these charges."

NIGERIA

The support campaign continues for Garba Adu, Udemba Chuks, Kingsley Etioni and James Ndubuisi, member's of Nigeria's Awareness League (A.L.- Libertarian Socialist) On conditional release as of press time, the four spent much of 1992 imprisoned under a blanket "preventative detention" law called "Decree #2." They were arrested during a set of protests against Nigeria's IMF imposed austerity measures.
Funds are needed for the defense and to feed prisoners. Remember that a US dollar is equivalent to a third of a months salary in Nigeria just now. Send an International Money Order or a UK bank check directly to:

Awareness League c/o Samuel Mbah
PO Box 28 Agbani, Egnugu State,Nigeria
for more information write:
WSA 339 Lafayette St Rm 202 NY NY 10012
or call 212 979 8353

UK

On Dec. 12, 1992, inmates rioted and took a screw hostage in Perth Prison Scotland. On Christmas day, 25 cons in top-security Long Lartin went on a hunger strike to protest brutality and wrongful convictions. Remand (awaiting trial) often drags on for over a year in England. 50 pissed off detainees held at uprising in Reading on Boxing day, hospitalizing 8 screws and trying to smash through the prison's main gate with a mini-van.

Helen Steel and Dave Morris, two supporters of the anarchist collective, London Greenpeace, are named in a libel suit by MacDonalds, ***Love and Rage*** tells us. If you have any funds left, they need them for their defense. You can get more information from:

London Greenpeac 5 Caledonia Road
London N1, England or call, 01 081 837 7557

Get a copy of the leaflet they are being sued for distributing (right, they did not even write it!) from:

Veggies
180 Mansfield Road
Nottingham, England

The London ABC reports the following:
A new "Maximum Control" prison Whitemoor, in Cambridgeshire, has failed to crush the spirit of anger and rebellion it has inspired.
"You can't lock people up in cold dirty shitholes and let loose bastards like the the [screws] on them and expect them to lie down and take it," the London ABC says.
Last November, longtime fighter for prisoner's rights, John Bowden escaped. "I had long considered it my political duty to resist oppression in jail and encourage my brother prisoners to fight for their human rights- when I believed my life was in jeopardy as result of my activities then I considered it my duty to try an escape." Bowden said. Congratulations and good luck.
The London ABC (also needs money for prisoner support) can be reached at:

Box ABC, 121 Raiton Rd
London, SE24 OLR UK

Ten people, accused of involvement with Animal Liberation Front Activities await trial in Manchester Crown Court. The investigations have marked an ugly escalation of high-tech surveillance and networking techniques by authorities in England. Keith Mann, the only one of the ten to still be on remand, has been singled out as a "leader" based on anonymously produced pamphlets found in his house and video footage of a voice-disguised and balaclava'd man which the police claim is him.
Letters of support can be sent to:

Keith Mann c/o ALIV
PO Box 38
Manchester
M60 1NX UK

LEONARD PELTIER
Suffers New Harassment

Leonard Peltier, American Indian Movement (AIM) activist and political prisoner, was moved into punitive segregation on May 3. Peltier refuses to cooperate with the new, "Monitoring High Escape Risk Prisoners Program." This vile program requires prisoners to report in every 2 hours or face penalties. There are two aspects of the program which are particularly problematic for Peltier. First, by signing such a document, he would be, in effect, admitting that he is in fact a "High Escape Risk Prisoner," which he isn't. This admission could be used against him at parole or clemency hearings. Also, the program would interfere with Peltier's religious practice. Each Saturday he would be forced to leave sacred sweat lodge ceremonies to sign in.

Peltier is serving two consecutive life sentences for the death of an FBI agent in 1975, (he was framed).

RALF and KNUD ARE FREE!

On Monday, March 8th the trial against two Hamburg autonomists Ralf and Knud finally ended. The two were absurdly charged with attempted murder. Knud and Ralf were framed by the state we assume, because they are very active in Hamburg's left-radical autonomist scene.

We mention this happy news here to remind our readers that participation in solidarity work, letters of support, letters of protest and financial support can help prevent political imprisonment. The solidarity group working around Knud and Ralf first secured them from preventive detention, then reduced the charges and finally achieved a dismissal of all charges. They also raised legal fees and effectively countered the state's lies and propaganda.

CHICAGO

On April 15, Fred Hampton Jr. was sentenced to 18 years in prison for firebombing a Korean-owned store in 1991. Little damage occurred as a result of the bombing and two people received minor injuries.

"I am a political criminal because I did not commit the crime," Hampton told Judge Michael Toomin before sentencing. Hampton is an organizer for the National People's Democratic Movement. He is the son of Fred Hampton, a Black Panther leader assassinated by the FBI and the chicago police in 1969.

Contact:

Fred Hampton Jr Defense Committee/NPDUM
po box 368255
Chicago IL 60636
vox 312 924 7072 fax 312 778 7544

KENNY TOLIA IS FREE

Tolia, the only defendant in the May Day 29 case to get any jail time is free. His case stemmed from yet another riot started by pigs in Tomkins Square on May 1, 1990, during a concert in the park. Tolia was sentenced to the maximum of one year on April 6, 1992, which was converted to a work release program. (see ***The Shadow*** #11-13, 15, 17, 20-21 and 23 for the full story.)

MUMIA ABU-JAMAL

The campaign to free Mumia Abu-Jamal enters a new phase in which supporters are mounting a fight-back campaign and a new legal team prepares for a new trial. On death row since July 3, 1982, for allegedly killing a cop, Jamal was a founding member of the Black Panther Party branch in Philadelphia. There are clear signs that Jamal was framed for his coverage of police brutality and racism in Philadelphia. He is also an advocate of the MOVE organization, a sure way to get on the wrong(?) side of the authorities.

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

EARTH FIRST!

Mark Davis, one of the Arizona 5 Monkeywrenchers, is in desperate need of financial support. With two years left to serve, Davis is feeling somewhat abandoned after agreeing to an all-or-nothing plea bargain that his co-defendants felt was necessary. For a variety of reasons, Davis got the longest sentence of the 5. "I am asking for help," Davis writes in ***Earth First!*** (Beltane 1993). "I know that this is old news and that requests are infinite and resources limited. I know that as bad as it is in here, there are millions of people in worse shape, and that many children suffer more than mine do. I ask your assistance not on the basis that my situation is one of unbearable misery, but as someone who has behaved honorably and now needs to help himself."

Please contact:
John Riordan HC 29 box 424,
Prescott AZ 86301 (602) 778-2207,
or directly at **Mark Davis 23106-008**
Federal Prison Camp po box 1000 Boron CA 93596

INSIDE OHIO REVOLT

by a Comrade Inside
(see ***Love and Rage*** june/july 1993 for complete text)

Revolutionary Greetings.

In regards to the overthrow of the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility (SOCF) on April 11- Warden Arthur Tate planned to lock down the prison from April 12 -15 to administer by force, [TB tests] to 160 plus prisoners who refused such.

Before SOCF could implement this plan [lockdown], a riot broke out on Easter Sunday, resulting in hostages being taken. One guard was hung by his ankles, tortured, then hung by his neck until dead. At least nine prisoners died. The eight cell blocks in the L-Wing of SOCF which was under full prisoner control, were destroyed.

Prisoncrat files on prisoners were burned while their offices were destroyed. Prisoners in segregation firebombed their cell blocks, destroyed cell light fixtures, while others assaulted guards when they entered the ranges to put the fires out. Five hundred Ohio National Guard, SWAT teams, state and local police were on the scene- desperately wanting to rush the prisoners, but didn't know what to expect once inside. A state police helicopter crashed during the 4th day of the riot.

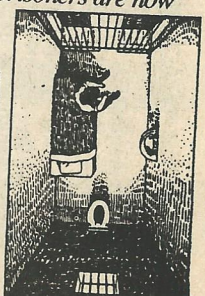
Eventually [15 of 21] demands were granted, which resulted in prisoners surrendering on April 23. The Lucasville Uprising was a success, but to continue to keep the ball in our court, we need pressure put on SOCF. It's time that the prison revolution strikes quickly and with triumph because we inside the walls know that America is experimenting on prisons in order to subject you in society to the same conditions.

On behalf of all Lucasville prisoners, I urgently ask you to demand Federal investigations to be conducted by Senator John Glenn. We need immediate action. Write to

Senator JohnGlenn
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510-3501

and demand that he seek to have the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice conduct a federal investigation concerning racism, brutality by guards and deaths of prisoners at the hands of guards. *A recent update to this report claims that 40 prisoners are now "missing," unaccounted for.*

Send Books to Prisoners
write:
Books To Prisoners
Box A
92 Pike Street
Seattle WA 98101



ALF STRIKES FUR INDUSTRY CRUMBLES

The animal liberation movement remains alive and strong despite a series of Grand Jury witch hunts and intense pressure from various agencies. In retaliation to the Animal Liberation Front's "Operation Bite Back" (which targetted the fur industry) and other successful animal liberation actions, US and Canadian law enforcement organizations (FBI, BATF, and RCMP) have joined together with various university and state police and animal abuse interests to investigate the movement in Michigan, Oregon, Washington, California, Utah, Liousiana, and Edmonton, Alberta. At least 30 people have been subpoenaed to appear before at least 5 seperate Grand Juries, amounting to an incredible amount of harassment of activists and even their families (one activist's sister-in-law was offered $30,000 to testify).

Grand Juries are a particularly evil form of harassment, as both press and lawyers are barred. Activists can be asked any kinds of questions, and if they invoke the 5th Amendment the judge can grant them "immunity from self-incrimination", a tactic to "encourage" witnesses to talk and jail them for contempt for up to 18 months if they don't. Grand Juries force activists to spend time, money, and energy defending themselves, and have been used extensively by the U$ in the past to impede political movements it disagrees with.

JON PAUL FREED, SCARCE JAILED

A victory was scored on the morning of April 9, when, after 158 days in captivity, environmental and animal liberation activist Jonathan Paul was freed! Jon Paul was jailed on Nov. 3, 1992 for refusing to testify at a secretive grand jury in Spokane, WA. He was freed after his lawyer successfully filed a "Grumbles Motion", a recognition from the court that continued jailing will not make the witness talk. He has now begun working with Last Chance for Animals to set up an Activist Legal Defense Project against other grand jury harassments. Contact the project at 916/452-7179.

On May 14, the same Judge Nielsen that jailed Jon Paul imprisoned journalist Rik Scarce, author of "Eco Warriors: Understanding the Radical Environmental Movement". He faces up to 18 months in prison for refusing to answer grand jury questions about the sources for his book (in which animal and ALF activists were interviewed).

Darren Thurston still remains in prison, having been denied bail multiple times, facing a variety of charges (see his letter, this page). In his hearings it was revealed that weeks of surveillance, phone taps, and bugs provided no evidence against him. Unfortunately, all of Darren's files relating to the ALF Support Group and its newsletter Combat have were seized. Darren's trial is scheduled for Sept. 20th.

ALF spokesperson Rod Coronado continues to hide due to threats against his life by the FBI and the fur industry. He issued a press release on Dec. 1, saying he would surrender to authorities in exchange for several universities releasing incarcerated animals and stopping animal research (for a copy of this press release, send a stamp to us).

What you can do to help:

1. Send letters of support to:
   Darren Thurston
   Edmonton Remand Centre
   9660-104 Ave.
   Edmonton, Alberta
   T5H 4B5 CANADA

   James Richard Scarce
   Spokane County Jail
   1100 Mallon
   Spokane, WA 99260

2. Write the Acting US Attorney, Judge Nielsen, and Attorney General Janet Reno and demand them to release Rik:
   Acting US Attorney
   East District of Washington
   POB 1494
   Spokane, WA 99210

   Judge Nielsen
   US District Court
   920 W. Riverside
   Spokane, WA 99201

   Attorney General
   US Department of Justice
   Washington, DC 20530

3. Send money for expenses or request further info from:
   Last Chance for Animals
   18653 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 356
   Tarzana, CA 91356-4147
   (310) 271-6096

   ALF Support Group (payable to ALFSG-Canada)
   P.O.Box 75029, Ritchie Stn.
   Edmonton, Alberta
   T6E 6K1 CANADA

4. Don't cooperate with the FBI or other agents!

"I am Strong, I am Angry"

A Letter from Darren Thurston

Greetings from within the machine. I've been accused of participating in the June 1, 1992, Animal Liberation Front action at the University of Alberta's Ellerslie Research Station, where 29 cats were liberated and $100,000 damage was done to the facility. After being charged with the U of A liberation, I was also charged with nine additional counts related to five previous ALF actions in Edmonton during 1991 and 1992. Grant Horwood was also arrested and charged with the U of A liberation. He had his charges stayed at his preliminary trial on November 12, 1992, due to lack of evidence. At my preliminary trial, January 11-14, 1993, Grant refused to take the stand and testify. The judge has ordered him to appear at my trial. If Grant refuses he may face jail time himself. At the end of my preliminary trial I had three of my charges dropped and was ordered to stand trial on the remaining charges.

Our so-called "just-us" system has kept me caged much like my animal sisters and brothers for the last three hundred and thirty-six days. Denied bail now six times on the grounds that I am a "threat to society"! Oblivious to the fact that I have no previous criminal record, and whatever happened to "innocent until proven guilty"? Although the real issue here is not whether I am "guilty" of the charges, the important question is: why is non-violent action in defense of living beings that are imprisoned and scheduled to be tortured and killed a crime? Why are the vivisectors allowed to roam free while activists working for those that cannot help themselves are jailed? What are the real crimes here?

My beliefs were strong before and now they're even stronger. Stronger than the concrete and steel cages where they try to break us. My tears have dried up. I am strong, I am angry. Sisters and brothers this is a plea, one that you have heard others speak lately. Now is the time to rejoin the wild. Go forth and find your roots, be at one with the eagle, cougar and black bear. Forget your placards, signatures and speeches. For the few that have the strength, the time is here... direct action in defense of Mother Earth. Run free, move fast. Life underground. Be silent, be strong.

Fighting the good fight,

DARREN THURSTON

ELFin Hoaxes

British Tesco Superstores have been under assault for building on green field sites to escape being broken up as monolpolies for their excessive profits. A new Tesco store in Didcot was faced with over 200 angry shoppers on their opening when the Earth Liberation Front spent the previous night distributing hoax 10 pound "free shopping" vouchers. Around christmas, several Tesco's found that stickers carrying bar codes for low-value products had been stuck over bar codes on expensive ones! Rumors abound that some activists are planning on infesting new superstores with cockroaches, available cheap from certain biological suppliers.

WHALER SCUTTLED

"The only good whaling ship is a sunk whaling ship. We of Sea Shepherd declare war on all the whalers!" With that cry, The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, notorious for ramming whalers in the past, took action against 2 Norwegian whaling ships Dec. 26th, in retaliation for Norway's announcement to continue to defy the whaling ban and commence commercial whaling. Two eco-warriors descended at night upon two unguarded, moored whaling ships of the notorious Olavsen whale-killing clan. After opening the sea cock and flooding one ship, they unmoored the other in the sadly thwarted hope it would drift onto nearby rocks. The Sea Shepherds have given warning that any whaler crossing their path will be considered fair game.

UK HUNT SABS DISRUPT BLOODSPORTS, MEET VIOLENCE

British hunt sabs have bee busy with over 28 disruptions of hunts since Spt. 92. A national gathering of 150 hunt saboteurs on Jan. 22 managed to trap the hunters of the Essex fox hunt in a small barnyard for three hours until they were set upon by police, who cordoned off and clubbed many sabs, arresting 26. They also broke the window of the sabs' land rover, cutting the driver in the process. Earlier in the day, a young hunt sab had his head split open by rent-a-thugs hired to protect the "priveleged sport" on the Essex estate. Security firms specialising in deterring sabs are a recent development, which has led to violence on several occasions.

On April 3, a fox escaped unharmed when hunt sabs successfully disrupted a hunt. As the hunters were leaving the area, a hound van driven by hunter Tony Ball tried to nudge some sabs on foot off the road. Saboteur Thomas Worby's jacket snagged on the side view mirror as the van forced past. He was dragged a considerable distance before getting a foothold, all along banging on the window for Ball to stop. Ball refused, and Worby lost his grip, falling to the round and rebounding under the vehicle, where his head was crushed. As other sabs tried to resuscitate him, the van sped away and other hunt riders refused to go back and call an ambulance.

Ball was arrested for Worby's death, released on bail, and is now allegedly in hiding.

Contact the Hunt Sabotuers Association at PO Box 1, Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 2JY, United Kingdom.

ANIMAL DAMAGED CONTROL

On October 24, 1992 earth warriors broke into the USDA Animal Damage Control's (ADC) research facilities in Northern Utah. Twenty-nine coyotes were released from outdoor pens, and over $150,000 of damage was inflicted on ADC buildings and research equipment. Raiders first cut holes in pens of captive coyotes at the Predator Research Facility in Millville, Utah, a quarter mile from forest lands. The coyotes we released were being subjected to experiments to test traps and poisons to be used against native wildlife by ADC. Students from nearby Utah State University told of seeing coyotes vomiting, bleeding, convulsing and dead in the pens of the US government research station.

ADC Project leader Fredrick F. Kowlton (801-750-2508) has spent the last twenty years killing tens of thousands of coyotes in research to develop more effective control methods of native predators, in particular coyotes and wolves. In turn, his research developments are manufactured by the USDA's ADC program to be used by sheep and cattle ranchers as the arsenal for the war on indigenous wildlife.

For the coyotes that we helped escape, we only hope that we gave them a chance to be who they are, and not what the livestock industry wants them to be. Under the protective shield of the new moon, coyotes warriors moved swiftly in an attempt to defend imprisoned wildlife. Like shooting stars, a dozen coyotes were seen running towards the forest once freed. Other coyotes attempted digging to escape while others lay sick and dying, to weak from ADC poinson trials to save themselves.

With a shrill war cry, a band of warriors next descended on the actual Predator Research Facility (PRF). Once inside, we discovered research offices filled with coyote and wolf skulls, piles of traps and snares, and signs for experimental pens that read, "DO NOT FEED." With war clubs swinging, we smashed computer and research equipment used against our animal sisters and brothers. In a cooperative deal with the Utah State University, the PRF operates as the US government's only coyote "Ecological and Behavioral Applications Project." It was then decided that we would start a fire at the lab which destroyed a third of the facility, and caused serious structural damage to the rest of the vivisection laboratory. Our objective was to rescue as many imprisoned coyotes as possible and cause maximum damage to predator research data that threatens the continued existence of the last wild predators of North America.

As the morning sky rose above the flames of the PRF, coyote warriors rode the the Utah State University campus in Logan, where knowlton's office is located. Just 50 yards form the police station, raiders entered his office and began confiscating valuable predator research files and computer discs. Warriors discovered records detailing the illegal dumping of over two tons of radioactive coyote bodies, losses of radioactive collared goats in field experiments, and tests where coyotes were left in leg-hold traps and snares for more than 18 hours. Documants detailing protocols for force-feeding of toxic poisons, and records of aerial shot-gunning of research coyotes are enough to justify the rescue mission. Acts by ADC researchers such as intentional starvation of coyotes are crimes against nature, and will be dealt with by an animals' tribunal. Coyote warriors hope this attack hinders the ADC program, and if it does not, expect more.

At coyote-killer Knowlton's office we lit another fire. This one in broad daylight to demonstrate our love for the wild nature of the Coyote Nation. Much of Kowlton's ongoing predator research was destroyed in the ensuing blaze in the National Resource Building.

For the last 100 years, the US government has waged war against native American predators on behalf of livestock interests who graze cattle and sheep on wildlands. Wolves, coyotes, cougers, bears, bobcats, foxes, badgers and other wildlife by the hundreds of thousands have fallen victim to the ADC's poisons, traps, snares and aerial gunning campaigns. Much like other agencies of the US government, the ADC has never spared, or shown mercy to the members of Native American tribes of animal people. Millions have been slaughtered, and millions more will be.... Unless somebodies do something.

As the US government attempts to criminalize acts of defense of the American wilderness and wildlife, fewer people will hear the truth behind the real terrorist acts of the FBI and ADC. We must escalate our efforts to preserve all that is still wild.

The US government says we used sophisticated radio-controlled explosives. Earth warriors use the power of fire, the purifying cleanser, to return man's evil to the earth. Researchers say animals we release will starve, be hit by cars, or pose threats to humans. Our sisters and brothers have always been a threat, because they are free, that is why ADC kills them in experiments that smashes their bones with traps and guns, not cars. ADC researchers starve coyotes, the earth mother does not. The FBI says we are from a radical, secrative loosely organized Animal Liberation Front. We are not radical, we choose to conserve life, not destroy it. We are not secretive, our voice has been heard since the harmonic balance of nature was first broken by human domination. Yes, we are the animal liberation front, we are also the earth, air and water liberation front. In the US government's eyes we are the spirit of everything wild, yet to be tamed or controlled.

No longer must we let government-controlled media labels divide us. We are one people. We are bound together by a 500 years resistance to ecological and cultural genocide. As the Animal Liberation Front, we have existed as one warrior society in the midst of the greater earth struggle. Our beliefs are not the product of twentieth century European philosophers. Our fight is the same fight as the Mohawk, Dine, Blackfoot, Lakota and Apache. We believe in animal rites, not rights. We stand with those fighting for the Black Hills, Mt. Graham. Kalmiopsis, Badger-Two-Medicine, and every other struggle for self-determination. If there is one undeniable common ground, it is the enemy. In Earth First! we see ourselves. In the American Indian Movement we see ourselves. Red, brown, white, fur feathers and fins, we are all sisters and brothers. For a rebirth of the harmonious relationship with all life, let us no longer stand apart, but TOGETHER.

We are only as strong as our weakest link. No more genocide against the peoples of earth. No more divide and conquer. There are only two knids of people, those who say there are two kinds of people and those who do not. For Peg Millet, Mark Davis, Keith Kjoller and Jonathan Paul. for the Grizzly, wolf, coyote and mink. They are all family. They are all imprisoned because they believe in a way of life seperate from the US government empire.

POWER POLES SABOTAGED IN VERMONT; FBI BEGINS INVESTIGATION

In early January, Vermont's *Rutland Herald* and the Associated Press reported that ten electrical transmission poles in five different Vermont locations have been sabotaged since April of 1992. Earlier, a letter had been received by the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS) headquarters in Rutland, Vermont, saying that three utility poles in Rutland needed to be replaced and there could be other consequences unless CVPS dropped its contract with Hydro-Quebec.

The wooden utility poles were all notched, cut, or drilled in a way so that they would fall over in high winds or heavy snowfall, according to Thomas Hurcomb, vice president of public affairs for the utility corporation. In all cases, a "Q" roughly approximating the logo used by the Canadian Hydro-Quebec-owned utility was painted or drawn on the vandalized poles.

No group or individual has claimed responsibility for the acts of sabotage. CVPS has issued a reward of $20,000 for information leading to a successful prosecution of those responsible.

The FBI is investigating the incidents John Hersh, special agent for the Rutland office of the FBI, said the acts appeared to violate two federal laws. A federal extortion law says anyone found guilty of interfering with interstate commerce through threats of violence can be fined $10,000 and imprisoned for up to 20 years. Another federal law prohibits the destruction of an energy facility and carries a penalty of $50,000 and 10 years in jail.

The contract between Hydro-Quebec and 17 Vermont utilities (CVPS has the largest contact for H-Q power) has been the subject of controversy for several years. Opponents argue that the Canadian utility's expansion plans threaten the indigenous life-style of the Cree, Innuit and Innu peoples who live in northern Quebec. Environmentalists say that Hydro-Quebec's plans threaten fragile habitats and the future of some species of migratory fowl, fresh water seals, beluga whales, caribou, etc. Opponents have also argued that Vermont does not need the power from H-Q, and that a contract is a disincentive to conservation efforts.

Source: Biodiversity Liberation Front-Earth First! via Autonome "Solidarity is a Weapon" Forum.

A Diary of Recent A.L.F. Actions

Nov. 8, '92—Minneapolis, MN—Swanson Meats has five trucks spraypained with slogans "Meat is Murder" and "ALF" and set on fire causing $100,000 damage. The building also had its locks glued. *ALF*

Dec. 17, '92—Denver, CO—Lloyds Furs, Irv Ringler Furs, and Marks Furs were spraypainted and damaged with paint bombs. *Paint Panthers*

Dec. 18, '92—Aspen, Vail, Breckenridge, Keystone, Denver, CO—30 fur coats damaged after having red paint sprayed on them. *Paint Panthers*

Dec. 20, '92—Wahington, DC—Saks Jandel Furs, Skandia Furs, Furs of Kiszely, Miller Furs, and Rosendorf Furs were damaged with christmas ornaments filled with paint and spraypainted with slogans. *Paint Panthers*

Dec. 25, '92—Victoria, BC—McDonald's on Pandora Ave. had its windows smashed and was spraypainted with slogans. *ALF*

Jan. 1, '93—Victoria, BC—Williams Quality Meats had it locks jammed with toothpicks and glued shut. *ALF*

Jan. 13—Cleveland, OH—Cikra Furs splashed with paint and painted with slogans "Fur Kills" and "Paint Panthers." *Paint Panthers*

Feb. 8—NYC, NY—The Fur Vault, Ritz Thrift Shop, Elizabeth Arden, Bloomingdale's, Fendi Bergdorf Goodman, and Harold J. Rubin Furs damaged with paint bombs and spraypainted slogans "Fur Shame," "Blood $," "Scum," "P.P.," and "Murderers." *Paint Panthers*

April 14—Bethesda, MD—Three McDonald's, two Kentucky Fried Chickens, and Honey Baked Ham were spraypainted with slogans "Meat is Murder," etc. *Meat Free Mission*

April 27—MD—Five vivisectors had their homes spraypainted with slogans "Animal Killers," "Leave Animals Alone," and "Animal Torturer." *Animal Avengers*

May 4—Montreal, Quebec—Paradise Furs and another fur store were spraypainted wit slogans. *Paint Panthers*

Actions against fur stores reported in S. Carolina and other actions in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, and Seattle. No further details yet.

Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group, P.O. Box 75029, Ritchie P.O., Edmonton, AB, T6E 6K1, Canada

ALF BACK ON THE ATTACK

On November 8 five trucks owned by a Minneapolis meatpacker were firebombed and spraypainted with slogans like "Meat is Murder" and "ALF". The meatpacking buildings' locks were also glued. The owner of Swanson Meats (2700 26th Ave. S. Mann) estimated the total damage at about $100,000.

A month earlier, the windshields of all of Swanson's trucks were smashed and painted with animal liberation slogans. The owner had the trucks moved to to a site closer to 26th Avenue after that, where a cab driver reported them burning at about 3:30 that Sunday morning.

Fortunately, the pigs have no leads on the case as of our going to press. The response from the media and liberal animal rights groups such as ARC (Animal Rights Coalition) has been typical: complete condemnation of the act and labelling it "terrorist." If they're going react predictably, then let us be typical in our response, also: We say "right on!" to anyone who sabotages the property of capitalists who brutally oppress other beings, whether those beings are exploited workers or cows and pigs. Support the ALF, and turn the volume up!

— shamelessly lifted from the Strib

Adopt-a-McDonald's ALF-Style

Jeremy Rifkin's group, Beyond Beef has urged activists to "Adopt-A-McDonal" by handing out flyers, buttons and s in front of McRestaurants to persua urger-eaters to cease their misguide ys. The Animal Liberation Front has taken the campaign a step further.

In the early morning hours of December 25, 1992, Animal Liberation Front activists in Victoria, British Columbia, paid a Yuletide visit to McDonald's on Pandora Avenue, delivering gifts of painted walls and broken windows. One week later, early on New Year's Day, we descended upon Williams Quality Meats on Blanshard Street, supergluing bits of toothpick into their locks. As far as we, know, these are the first ALF actions to occur in Victoria. But ALF attacks do not just "occur." They are the work of womyn and men who are no longer able to sit back and allow terrible, cruel things to happen. Now, more than ever before, we must remember the four-leggeds and the scaley ones. We will continue our war; but alone, we cannot possibly do enough, fast enough. Animal oppression is everywhere. Involvement in the Animal Liberation Front begins with your first liberation or act of economic sabotage. Do not try to find us, get together with a groups of friends whom you know you can trust. Animal liberation is virtually a stone's throw away. Careful...No evidence.

—SOURCE: ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

THE GRAFFITI SHOW
A HIP HOP PHENOM

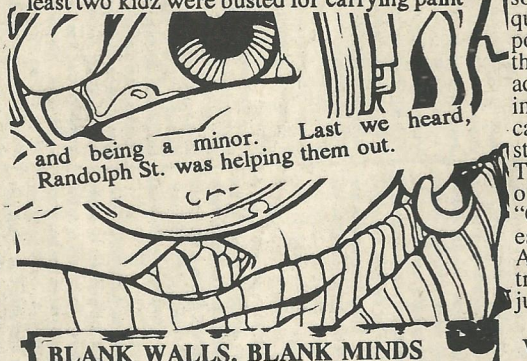
The Hip Hop Phenomenon

In March, Randolph Street Gallery put on The Graffiti Show: A Hip Hop Phenomenon, consisting of one hip-hop party with rappin', breakin', and encouragement to write on the walls, and one panel discussion on graffiti. The party was ok, drawing tons of kids of all ethnicities. The fact that Randolph St. opened their walls for anyone to write on was cool, because it it broke down the audience-spectator barrier and revealed graff to be a true "people's art". I was a bit disappointed tho, that most kidz just did tags or threw up the usual pieces, instead of gettin' more creative.

The panel discussion was very interesting. The discussion ranged from differences in style, to CTA relations, to commercialism and selling out. A Chicago Transit Authority spokeswoman tried to appease the crowd by claiming she wanted to keep graff going, but in graffiti contests and on sanctioned walls, not buses and trains. (As D-Zine has said, those contests are a joke, cuz all the participants still go out and hit the trains for the CTA war). Others talked about graff as a way for kidz to get "fame" in their circles, a form of respect, something society doesn't give much to kidz anymore. The best part of the discussion focused on commercialism. One rapper-tagger was opposed to working with the CTA, but was about to sign a recording deal. You have to admit, the rap scene could use some lessons in Do-It-Yourself music production. Why are there so few self-produced hip-hop records or tapes? The best argument about hip hop never being totally co-opted came

from a tagger who pointed out that graff, because it is inherently anti-property, one of the pillars of capitalist society, could never be integrated into the system. This has merits, as long as graff stays on the walls and doesn't get seduced into art galleries, which has already happened, to some extent. It doesn't seem likely to happen tho, considering the role graff plays in upliftig the lives of some kidz. "The dominant value of society is property. Property causes the problems that cause graffiti."

Randolph Street should be applauded for putting on this interactive show. They certainly got their share of retribution from the system for it. When they realized the problems they might have at the show, they asked some cops to work off-duty security in a moment of thick-headedness. When the cops realized what it was all about, they not only refused the work, but sicked some city inspectors on the gallery, nearly forcing them to shut down. They now have to do over $10,000 in changes to their space to get the city off their back. They also flooded the area with undercover cops the night of the show, just looking to harass kidz. We were personally stopped TWICE for NO REASON other than our appearances. Both times we were searched illegally. They also confiscated our paint and markers, and whipped one of my friends in the face because he asked one undercover if he was a cop (they did not identify themselves). They didn't bust us, but did write down our ID info. They also searched and grabbed other kidz who went to the show, even boarding buses to nab 'em. At least two kidz were busted for carrying paint



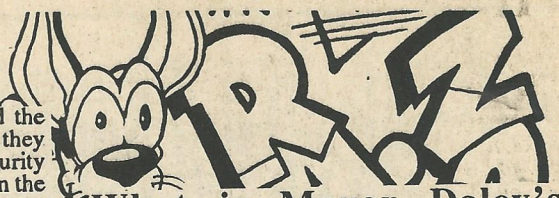
and being a minor. Last we heard, Randolph St. was helping them out.

BLANK WALLS, BLANK MINDS

Chicago's crackdown on graffiti continues, as Daley launches his new "Graffiti Blasters" program, which cleans graff from private places as well as public ones. Over 1500 viaducts have been repainted in dull, boring white, and over 3000 gallons of paint given away to paint over graffiti. The most obnoxious thing about this campaign is the fact that it criminalises all graff and all graff writers, while spending thousands of dollars to whitewash the city to make it look "nice", while ignoring the conditions and social problems underneath. Their also has been no distinction made between gang graffiti and bombing, in fact, all graff has been described as "gang symbols".

This has led to some incredible community anti-graff witchhunts. One tagger was taken to court for painting the Logan Square library. Ald. Wojcik led a group of residents to the court, saying "We want to send a message that graffiti, vandalism, murder will not be tolerated." The fact that tagging has nothing to do with murder did not seem relevant. One resident said "the graffiti on the library was an attempt to intimidate the rest of the community" and claims his children were afraid to go near the library because of it. The fact that it was not gang graffiti and not a threat to the community was not relevant. That tagger is now facing 1 to 3 years in prison. The city has announced that second-time offenders will be charged with felonies. The fact that a repressive society that places more emphasis on imprisoning black & hispanic youth than educating them is not relevant.

It is interesting to note that the CTA has also hired a new security firm that uses undercovers. This team has nailed 143 taggers in less than four months. So be on the lookout when yer bombing...



What is Mayor Daley's GRAFFITI BLASTERS?

Mayor Daley's GRAFFITI BLASTERS is an unwarranted attack on Chicago's low-income communities. By focusing attention on superficial appearances, the Mayor diverts attention away from his real agenda - the gentrification of Wicker Park and Humbolt Park and "investment" opportunities for his real estate pals.

The cornerstone of this program is social control - the control of language and communication. The written word and visual image carry powerful messages, whether they are true or not.

"Mayor Daley's GRAFFITI BLASTERS," coordinated by the Department of Streets and Sanitation, will "deploy" 25 urban assault sodablasting machines to remove graffiti and quell dissent. With the overwhelming visual pollution already existing in Chicago's ghettos - the racism and sexism in advertisements and advertising itself - we question the Mayor's real intentions with "GRAFFITI BLASTERS," and call on the City of Chicago to cease its military-style campaign against graffiti artists.

The Mayor's concept of "city services" is offensive, and we fear that the City's "GRAFFITI BLASTERS" program is part of an escalating attack on Latinos/Latinas, African-Americans, and other oppressed people - and translates into increased police violence and judicial victimization.

WRITING ON THE WALL

Graffiti is a vital form of communication in Chicago's ghettos. It can create bonds between people who are denied access to "legal" media, while offending those who destroy (i.e., gentrify) low-income neighborhoods for profit.

Many thousands of young artists and writers in Chicago, the majority of them people of color, express themselves through graffiti. Some get permission to bomb public spaces to create murals; others risk their lives to express themselves illegally, subjecting themselves to police brutality.

Many people who honor life cannot stand placing property value over the vitality of human creativity and resistance. And while serious problems go untouched by City funds, Daley authorizes "a major increase in the city's graffiti-removal efforts." Is this the best use of funds desperately needed elsewhere in our communities?

In a City of Chicago brochure titled "Mayor Daley's GRAFFITI BLASTERS," Dick Daley defines graffiti as "an ugly form of vandalism." Evidently Dick is unaware of the power of written language - whether of graffiti or the written word - and seeks to restrict its flow in Chicago's ghettos. Dick's words deny the intelligence and intentions of graffiti bombers. Dick also writes, " By joining forces, we can make a tremendous difference in the appearance of our communities." Unfortunately, trimming a few trees and forcibly removing graffiti do little to change conditions of oppression, drug addiction, high infant mortality rates, and overcrowding.

Focusing on the appearance of a neighborhood, rather than the lived reality of its people, makes sense - if making profits through gentrification is the goal. Gentrification destabilizes communities and families, and contributes to making graffiti the only means of public expression left to the exploited.

Protest - Call the Mayor's hotline -744-1234

THE CITY THAT REVIVED BREAKDANCING

We like to wander the city, learn by going where to go. If your life lacks adventure, walk out the door into the unknown. Chicago's littered with abandoned buildings, empty warehouses, accessible rooftops, twisting railroad tracks, and other unpublic elements of the urban sprawl. Just so happens that these also happen to be the best places to find, or do, graffiti. So get out there, check out the world, and leave your mark.

During some recent wanderings, we came upon some dope pieces by Upski. They take the form of graff essays, mixed on the wall with spray art, and called Public Articles. We recommend checking em out, but we liked em enough to print one here as well:

THE CITY THAT REVIVED BREAKDANCING

Last Friday night, a club called Alcatraz hosted an underground hip-hop party, and if you think Chicago is a slumbering giant, Jack, you wasn't in there. "When I played Scenario, bros. got to jumpin" said Twilite Tone of DemDare who DJed that night. "I looked down from the DJ booth, they were going ape-shit. I had to stop the record and calm everybody down so no one would get crushed. In other cities, people are mellower at hip-hop parties. They're used to it. In Chicago, we're not used to having this shit, and we go totally crazy."

The Alcatraz is a controlled experiment in raparchy. New school dancers flex impossible noodle-knee steps. Body parts glide around in their sockets, contract, collapse in on themselves, and halt in spell-binding freezes. In the same circle, shoes whirl like blender blades, about a single point of contact with the floor. Head, back, shoulder, knee, elbow, neckbone, booty,--and every other region that would go with collard greens.

After breakin' died in 1986, b-boys here took revenge against house by breakdancing in house clubs, which were the only clubs back then. As nostalgia grows for the old school, and as party throwers like DemDare finally learn how to throw live hip-hop jams (for the first time with females) breakdancing wakes from the dead, better break out them cardboards! Males come more to dance than to get laid. "God this party is strange," a girl told me. "Usually when I start dancing, guys jump on me right away. I was dancing in the middle of all these guys and they were just doing their moves and ignoring me."

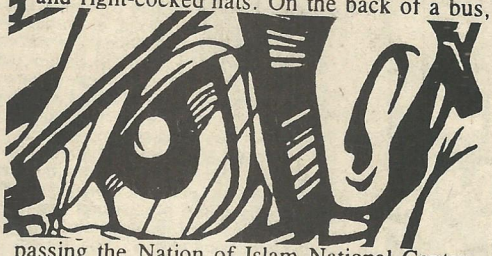
In the chill out room, where it's less loud, and off to the sides of the floor, lyrical battles, usually 2 or 3 at once, break out between rappers who are starved for a microphone. Titon, the slimyvoiced "Tyrone Chitterling-Foot" on Tung Twista's single, attempts to verbally lobotomize an opponent, who stands cross armed across the crush of onlookers.

The average age is 18. "People get old real quick in Chicago." says Tone (probably because we get tired of hearing about New York) "Soon as they hit 25, they want to go to ChicRick's [a Buppie club] and do the Bus Stop." An exception age-wise: Cashus D, 28, the GrandDaddy of Chicago hip-hop who introduced pop-locking to Chicago in 1978, and speaks of hip-hop the way born-again Christians speak of the Lord: it is sacred.

Cashus is always around, always cutting (deals and new school egos), talking knowledge, talking shit. He freestyles, even when you don't want him to, teaches music and "rapp" classes, and peddles clothing.

Cashus gets to preaching. "In the old days, hip-hop was a grassroots thing because only a select few did it." he rasps. "Money destroyed hip-hop. Money let EVERYBODY in. Hip-hoppers in Chicago, we need to stop watching "Lifestyles of the Rap and Famous. Every style we got is either from New York or L.A. We need to turn off the TV, unplug the sampler, and invent our own shit."

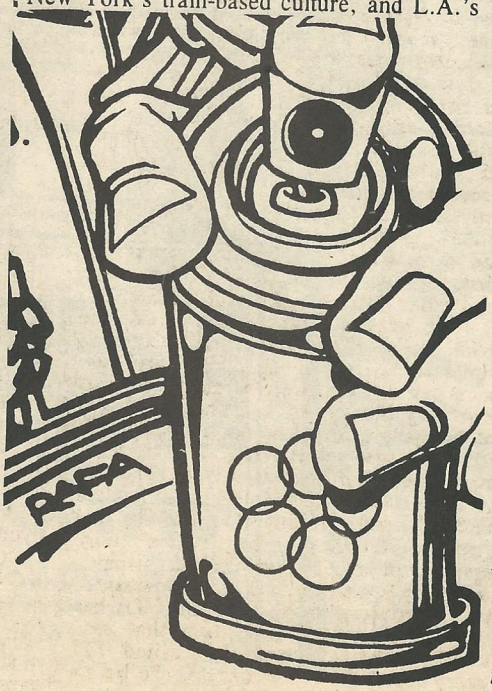
Chicago gangs give hip-hop symbolism a local twist. Black and Red, a 5-point star or a hat turned left, signifies "brothes" or Vice-Lords. Disciples, or "Folks" wear black and blue, 6-point stars and right-cocked hats. On the back of a bus,



passing the Nation of Islam National Center on 73rd and Stony Island, with its rotating gold crescent, a shorty told his friend, "That's where the Vice-Lords stay."

The Nation of Islam, out-of-towners are surprised to find, has little street presence in Chicago, most Islamic hip-hoppers belonging to other sects such as Ansaar or 5 Percent. (Damn that's from New York, ain't it?")

Graffiti, which rebounded last year after dying in '88, is now nearing all-time prolificness, while writers here still emulate New York's train-based culture, and L.A.'s car-in-beach orientation, Chicago with its "elevated" transit is finding its own character as the "Rooftop City."



All told, there are 2-3000 Chicagoans who consider themselves hip-hoppers, and for many the culture is entirely vicarious. Rap fans who themselves don't rhyme, scratch, dance or write, well they're sort of like sports fans who never played little league:they are strictly spectators. "University of Chicago professors buy the Source," observed Gail Hilliard of 57th Street Books.

Most hip-hop parties resemble the one a girl named Chauna [unreadable scribble] in the basement of a big, rundown house in South Shore where it costs a dollar to get in, generic soda is $.50, and the theme is "Bitch betta have my money." If it was 1989, house would be the music of choice. Tonight the demand for house and rap is even. The rap DJ, Thomas (33 1/3) is nationally recognized for scratching. But none in the party know that. No one cares. "What you get paid?" I asked Thomas, "Peanuts?"

"Peanut shells." he said, "The less you get, the better the party is."

Black youth culture merges West Coast style rap with house jacking: Grinding sexual dance treated as sport. Anyone who thinks a walloping bass is boring, hasn't seen girls like Chauna dance. On all sides she batters an unseen force, and she is fucking it, fucking it like the last moments before an orgasm. Her midsection quakes until it appears to have sprung loose. She is kneading, thrusting, bouncing and contracting-throwing her body into the sound. The bass pelts her thickly from all sides and she belts it. It showers down from the walls, it rains against her frame. Her erogenous zone snaps so hard and so continuously that if she was wearing a zipper, damn it would have unzipped or exploded, and the whole city with it, right through the fucking seam.

From underground to rooftop to basement, from mosque to academy, that's Chicago hip-hop. Of course I left out the starter-wearing white version of a hop-hop party, which is like the others except that alcohol replaces dance as the primary sport, hallucinogen and reason for being there.

PUBLIC ARTICLE # 1:This wall and the Fuck This Noise piece that Raven and I painted here 5 years ago mean a lot to me. If you compare the original article published here to the version printed in the Source (April 1992) you may be surprised to see what the Source edited and cut out. Personally, I was fucking pissed. Upski, 7/30/92 1550 S. Federal, up on the trax.

hey this is an excellent place, check it out. Right by a slow moving train. we saw railroad tags--bozo texino, jughead and that rambler guy from beaumont, texas. Open boxcars and blasts of ammonia. Cop-free midday writing. Shittycold weather. A blue elfmerlin thing painted on a 3rd floor fire escape above the el trax, totally accessible. We borrowed a car yuk--federal is a block west of dearborn, or its a block east. At 1550 there's a huge cold storage building that straddles the street, but you can get to it by cutting thru a holey parking lot and around. we parked under the trainbridge and climbed up to the trax on the west side. if you get caught on the bridge when the train is passing it is scary. see. (Number two's at 300 N. Milwaukee, down by the trax-sorry no space-maybe next time)

Here's some random notes of interest about Chicago's DIY punk community:
--HOMOCORE is probably putting on the hottest shows around right now. You really should check one out. Get ahold of the All Queer Punk Rock crew at POBox 476953, Chicago, IL 60647.
--Collective Chaos has an awesome manifesto/show policies flyer, if we say so ourselves. Send us a stamp fer a copy.
--Bill has been putting out a nifty hand-written zine called Happy Machine, and may be putting on shows as well. Contact him at POB 2065, Northlake IL 60164.
--Dumpsterland is another good Chicago zine, and Dave & Kim do a distro and sometimes shows as well. Join their Dumpy Pals at POB 267873, Chicago IL 60626-7873

COLLECTIVE CHAOS is a literature and music distribution, record label, and punk/hardcore shows. The extensive distribution catalog can be had for a SASE, and contains a huge range of zines, pamphlets, books, stickers, and flyers. The record label has successfully released two 7"s, one by PROPHETS OF RAGE (Chicago), and the second by DOGFIGHT (Minneapolis). A third 7" is on the way from THINK!, a punk hip-hop thang. The shows are monthly in the winter and two/three times a month in the summer. Everything that Collective Chaos does is D.I.Y., as in do-it-yourself, fuck corporate music and clubs. Everything is anti-profit, all money goes back into the project. The shows are organized by a collective that is trying to create an atmosphere that is free from violence and prejudice. All elements of sexism, racism, homophobia are not tolerated and are confronted immediately. We are not trying to impose rules on ourselves or those who participate with COLLECTIVE CHAOS, we are trying to LIBERATE ourselves from the bullshit that permeates our lives. That's what this project is all about, it is a tool and a weapon in the struggle for our own personal liberation. Punk.

Punk music is more than just shows. The ideas and energy that surge forth from the people who make the punk scene in Chicago exist hold an almost infinite amount of possibility. The zines, the shows, the hanging-out (always a major factor), all of this combines to create a certain community, a sense of distance from the isolation that threatens to collapse us into a void devoid of the connection so vital to much of the creative process. The punk shows put on by the dedicated people around the city and the suburbs are a tribute to this strength and ability to build bridges over chasms of soul deafening silence. The zines seek to connect a diverse web of people through information highways, the superconducting paths that provide the continuing inspiration for thousands upon thousands of people struggling to find something, anything to call theirs. Without much money, but with a ton of energy, we windy city punks have managed to hold onto a culture all our own. A culture that from the beginning has decided that our lives belong to us, and the corporate clubs can leech all they want, the major labels can imitate the look but never the substance, a culture that lets each and every one of us know that WE hold the keys to our own lives. For me, organizing with Collective Chaos, the punk/hardcore shows, the record label, has brought me closer to the heart of the culture that gave me the strength and the opportunity to break free from the idiocy of mainstream life. The energy that first attracted me to the punk community still exists in the people who come to the shows, the people who put them on, everyone who takes the time and effort to force back the hand of rigid mono-culture and breathe free. Punk is what you make of it, and the literally hundreds of people, headfirst and five feet off the stage, will keep fighting to build spheres of freedom. And the hundreds of thousands of people in the punk community worldwide are a part of something truly theirs, and that something changes us forever every moment we continue to live true to our selves. By throwing off the reigns of stagnant spoon-fed pop culture we are directly confronting the authority that seeks to drag us into its murky depths, we are rising above and, fists and boots in the air, taking back control over our lives. This is what keeps me involved, this is why I feel that the punk community has such potential for the proverbial revolution of everyday life. As we build our community, we are changing ourselves in ways that directly alter the social order. And the longer that punk stays a threat to this order, the more of a chance we have to live lives wherein our potential power is not only realized, but exceeded.

REVOLTAGE as explained by DOGFIGHT: Of course it's only a word, but this word signifies a concept inherently grounded by the connective pro-active directions from tirades of fresh flesh pressing on into mental mesh. REVOLTAGE is a webwork of natural, electric energy building upon itself amongst beings blazing all paths of resistance and creating a self-reliant existence. Whether it's a group of individuals or simply one transgender twister of a person constantly going against the grains of enforced time and structure; the progression of outcomes has the same spirit pumping through the motives of dissing on authority butt kissing. Each leap forward and away from the vicious mainstreaming of our lives is an essential step into the pool of high revoltage. It connects us all more than just a strict political sense. At the risk of sounding contrived, this realm reaches into a "spiritual" sense. One without a doctrine, hierarchy or set solution to the myriad of problems plaguing us. No, I offer no panacea here, just exploring an all encompassing means for placing the constant battles against injustice into a context of realizing that our shared power will keep the struggle pushing on...even in the smirking face of laughter from above. Instead of the govt sucking our energy dry, we can share lines of caring amongst the culture pushed on the fringe ledge: exploring reception of frequencies moving forward. Anything from an angry mode of expression on canvas to assassinating any deserved official can be considered a contribution to the roaring streams of revoltage. Any shared acts of survival which subvert established orders increase the volicity of revolt in this age. These things may not instantly upheve the system, but it creates a vital current of anger engaged, making us realize that we are not operating in pain against; or on our own terms, in vain. Its all about depleting the greed monsters and decentralizing the power to control our own lives equally. Once they no longer dictate culture like vultures waiting for us to desist, we can truly begin to live, give and resist with or without a fist. "Animism" also plays an important role in all this talk of rising up to grasp the reigns as it rains re-evolution. The realization of our anger we feel gives us a method of purpose; steeping our of hypnotized sleep, back into our natural instincts of animal incarnations and incantations engraved into the rabid conscious of now. Yes, we are still animals, just with a few more accessories, and oh how so often we forget this! The more we touch the animal spirits within us we come to realize how to work with holistic elements into the fire of survival. How can we expect to overthrow shackles of this inherently oppressive system if we can't even shuck the false sense of human nature instilled just to give us an excuse for fucking over the "weak." Everything we read, feel, hear, smell and perceive will pattern the cross-currents of desire--we need to redirect this reality into emotional brain activism. This includes all sentient beings on all levels interacting to overcome submission together going into exile away from the ugly, inferior duped superiority of the city deathscape. Decide for yourself what is "right" to become electrified into rerouting the reasoning of belief. We are up against a mountain of indifference, ignorance and irreverence, but that should not stop you from freaking out into freedom plains, engaging solidarity with worldwide struggle.

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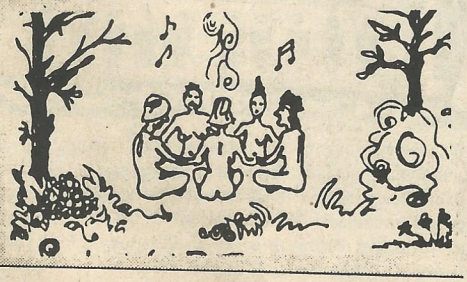
once upon a thyme leaf, there was a radical wimmins gathering in d-troit michigan - may 6th thru the 9th. it was a 4 day weak-end that the d-troit wimmins' collective organized & i wuz there 4 the last 2 days ov it all, and i am really glad that i went & spent thyme with all those grrlz. 1 friend ov mine who was working on getting this gathering 2 happen told me that they contacted 200 - 300 grrlz, or groups ov grrlz, & alot ov these contacts didn't want 2 come, saying they didn't want 2 b part ov a separatist gathering - well, separatist or not , i didn't loose any sleep over that label. sometimes i want to be with grrlz, & if grrlz choose 2 get 2geather & celebrate themselvez and get 2 know each other & do things 2geather, this is something i'm in2 rite now- fer all i know 2 years from now i may feel differently, but this gathering was funky fresh - seperatist or shmeperatist.

there were workshops where we talked about oodles of different poodles; gender, sexuality, sexual preferences(& lables 4 these preferences), birth controll & health... this 1 workshop these 2 wimmyn demonstrated how 2 do breast & genital/vaginal self exams & where u need a partner 2 help examine u. these wimmin were very knowledgeable & i found out something i think is real interesting - that most gynecologysts use the largest size specula (the one for big gurlz or grrlz who have given birth vaginally) on mostly all wimmin. now i know from having 1 that vaginas have real good elasticity, but without my good friend, miss lubrication, some things entering my vagina can be uncomfortable to say the least. anyhow there r 3 different sizes of speculums & most doctors use the biggest size. everytime i've been 2 the gyny, i was never told about the different sizes & always had the biggest size used on me - i wonder what doc was thinking ' the bigger the better '? grrr. so now some girlfriendz & i are wanting 2 do exams on each other as well as ourselves, all we have 2 do now is order the rite size speculas - i never trusted licenced medical practicioners very much - & why should i see a doc more than iwould need 2, if ever ?

bsides these workshops there was yummy yummy crazy good 4 my tummy vegan food & lots ov it, & performances, & a wimmins coffeehouse (but i didn't get 2 that) - sunday was the kick it & chill day- we drove out 2 this island btween michigan & canada & had a picnic w/ bunches o' food, & b4 we left, some grrlz & i were talking about putting 2geather a grrl contact list 4 the traveling gals who would want 2 hook up w/ , stay with, meet wimmin, so if u want 2 help with this, have contacts for ect., u can write 2 me c/o wcf's p.o. box.



Vets memorial vandalized with bubble bath

Vandals in Jefferson City, Mo., found a way to observe Memorial Day. Sor

the Goof Liberation Front has claimed responsibility...

I've been thinking a lot lately about the desire to change. To change one's self, environment, society, etc. in a positive way. It would seem that this would be a common desire, perhaps a necessary one in terms of (r)evolution...yet i see so many people today who live without the spark...

Not by any means do i declare perfection or superiority on this. Having just recently pulled myself out of a fugue that i succumbed to during the winter, i am more than aware of how easily dark clouds can kill the flying spirit. The problem seems to be identifying the clouds, revealing their nature, and consciously striving to defeat them.

This is obviously a darkly clouded society as a look at the lackluster zombies on the street reveals. At times, you and i are part of the undead, or rather, unlife as well. Unlife, because it is an inverse of the enjoyment and fulfillment of just being and experiencing. When you see the glaze over people's eyes, or their dull averted glances, you are seeing a dejected acceptance of the drudgery and monotony our lives have become...From day one we are forcefed this way of unlife, have it blasted at us from all mediums, expected from & given to us in all relationships.

There are reasons, of course, that the desire to change is stripped from us. Change challenges the status quo. Spontaneity is wild and uncontrolled. Play breaks down walls and builds bridges. Imagination is subversive. Desire makes slaves restless. Love and Rage inspire action. All of these are elements of autonomy, elements of uncontrol, and no autocratic society will tolerate them. So they are stripped from us, wrung from us, and our spirits are locked down...

The tragic element of this oppression is that we enable our oppressors to continue. There is some consent in all dominant relationships. Oftentimes when we feel ourselves to be imprisoned by external forces beyond our control, it happens to be our own self-created and maintained illusions which chain us. And if we can create something, we can destroy it...

These self-created prisons are the hardest to detect & eliminate, not only because they are the most subtle form, but also because we are all so exceptionally adept at erecting walls to ease our fears and give ourselves a false sense of security.

We are taught at an early age (even if indirectly) how to successully ignore, and oftentimes "put away" things we really should be looking at and keeping in check, by means of denial, rationalization, etc. I think the main reason for this is fear, fear mostly of experiencing any and all kinds of pain.

A very common, specific example of this self-created jail is feeding oneself negative messages. For me, personally, the most powerfully negative messages i carry around in my head come from voices in the distant past, voices of family members, teachers, cops, the media, the church, even those i considered friends. Despite the many years which have passed since i've seen or heard from these people, their voices still ring loud & clear, usually attacking at times when i'm feeling most confused, insecure, weak in general. What's comforting & empowering for me to keep in mind is that i can build walls that are **healthy**, walls to keep the bullshit and insanity outside of me, that help protect my sanity, and a healthy image of myself, which is ultimately the only one that should matter.

Nietzsche believed in a Will to Power...i believe in a Will to Change. It is a natural instinct in an unnatural society. But it is there within is, if wounded and buried, and rusty from neglect. Reclaiming it is a struggle, one that takes conscious time, challenging, energy, and thought. Even when resurrected, it is easy to lose it again, as our culture of complacency distracts us with material comforts to dull ourselves with...Other mind games will displace it as well. I have recently become aware of how too well political theory turns rigid, narrowing into the trap of ideology, a world of self-constructed blinders. It is disheartening for me to work with so many self-proclaimed revolutionaries, who pretend to know so much about challenging the world, yet so very few do anything about challenging themselves. Keeping critical of one's self and others, and attempting to see others' viewpoints, helps to keep one's eyes, and just as important, one's heart, open to the infinite number of viewpoints in existence, each viewpoint being equally valid, a point too easily forgotten.

Let's break down the fears, destroy the walls, and start using these beautiful bodies, magnificent minds, and powerful emotions we have to create more of what we all really need: love and honesty and positive change with our world and most especially, ourselves.

Sprite & Mooshka

Exploitation, Perfection, and Social Change

By U-Je@n

I've heard people say some disturbing things lately and I wanted to address them. I was at an anti-fur protest and a friend of mine and I were both wearing leather footwear. So a womyn who was wearing a super-expensive fur coat responded to our criticism by pointing out that my friend was wearing leather shoes.

SO WHAT? Does the fact that I've got boots that I got used for $5 mean that I'm a hypocrite to criticize someone for wearing the skins of 50-80 dead animals as a status symbol? Because that's what really bothers me about fur, not just that they're killing animals, but that they're raising them specifically to be killed so that some people can flaunt their affluence over others. What better way to say, "I'm better than you because I have more money," than with fur? But there is something quantitatively different between a fur coat costing thousands of dollars and used $5 boots.

I'm not trying to say that people shouldn't make an attempt to lead non-exploitative lives. I'm simply saying that we shouldn't let the fact that we can't be perfect stop us from being critical of what we know is wrong. Individual responsibility is one thing, but we live in an exploitative society and that can't be escaped. Actually, I think that's one of the biggest problems with middle-class veganism - it gives the impression that commodity consumption is OK and non-exploitative if you just consume the correct products. It's OK to wear make-up as long as it's not animal-tested. Don't believe it. The glue in your "vegan" Israeli combat boots is probably made from animals, but maybe it isn't. But they're boots made for a military machine that's arresting, deporting, beating, and killing Palestinians left and right. Those boots are anything but cruelty-free. My point being that perfection isn't possible, and while pursuing it blindly may make us feel justified in our self-righteous rants, it can also close our eyes to other types of oppression.

Another annoying thing a friend of mine said recently was that anti-tech people were hypocrites for photocopying zines to publicize their ideas. My response here is the same. We live in a techno-cratic society. Even if you don't use a lot of high-tech stuff you're "benefiting" from it. It can't be escaped. To cut oneself off from high tech is to severe one's lines of communication. Is it really hypocritical to scam photocopies in order to educate people about the dangers of cars, TV, genetic engineering, and nuclear technology? If we are truly anti-tech wouldn't it be hypocritical to not use the less-malignant (but not by any means benign) communications technologies available to us to combat the more dangerous technologies which only benefit the elites? Should we move to caves instead? To ignore the techno-death society that exists in order to escape it wouldn't be anti-tech. It would be apathy.

My point here is that some people have taken personal responsibility too far and are allowing it to paralyze them. We can't be perfect in a fucked-up society. This doesn't mean we shouldn't do anything because it will have negative aspects, it means we should do a lot. We have to work for change because not to, for whatever reason, is to allow all kinds of exploitation, hatred, and destruction to go unchallenged.

FORECAST

UPCOMING AUTONOMIST EVENTS
(We will no longer be printing most upcoming local events as they're often over by the time people read this, but you can get the latest news and info on these and other events by calling Chicago's **Autonomist Hotline (312) 455-0707**. Note: ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CONSTANT CHANGE!

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July 16-19: **Holiday In Beirut, USA**, anarchist un-conference gathering in Portland, OR. Contact: Rosebud Commons, 1951 W. Burnside, Box 1928, Portland, OR 97209, 503.796.8100

July 29-Aug.1: **The Frenzy** anarchist conference in Vancouver, BC. Contact Box 122, 1895 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC V5N 4A6.

July 30-Aug.2: **Mid-Atlantic Anarchist Gathering**, contact Wooden Shoe Books, (215)569-2477.

Aug.5-8: **Great Lakes Regional Anarchist Gathering** in Madison, WI. Some Madison Anarchists, POB 173, Madison, WI 53701-0173.

Aug.12-15 **Rally Against The Pope!** in Denver. 3 days of music, demos, and destruction. AYF, POB 8972, Denver, CO 80201.

This Summer **Defend Cove/Mallard!** In response to the U$ Forest Disservice OK'ing a timber sale involving 145 miles of road and 200 distinct cuts (many clearcuts) in the largest roadless wilderness complex in the continental US, Idaho Earth First! organizers have put out a national call to join them at their base camp and help defend the wilderness. There are over 12 endangered and threatened animal species in the ancient Cove/Mallard forests. This timber sale (which is costing taxpayers $6 million) will sever a critical biological corridor, and is contrary to the ecological health of the land. For more information about the timber sale or being a part of the action, contact:
Wild Rockies Earth First!, POB 9286, Missoula, MT 59807, (406)728-5733

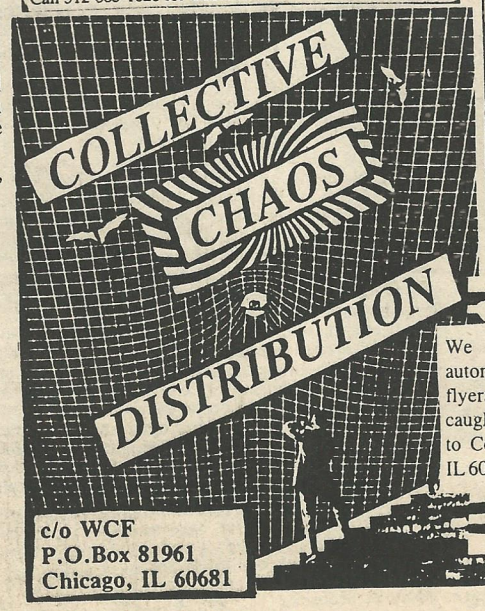
CONTACTS
These are the addresses of the publications/groups used, quoted, or mentioned throughout this issue:
Libera Volo/ARP/POB 57/Sakyo/Yubinkoyuko/J-606 Kyoto/Japan
Profane Existence/POB 8722/Minn. MN 55408
Earth First!/POB 5176/Missoula MT 59806
Arm The Spirit/c/o Wild Seed Press/POB 57584/Jackson Stn/Hamilton, ONT/L8P 4X3 CANADA
Autonome Forum/POB 1242/Burlington VT 05402-1242
Slingshot/700 Eschlemann Hall/Berkeley CA 94720
Love & Rage/POB 3/Prince St. Stn/NY NY 10012
A-Infos/Humeurs Noires/BP79/59370 Mons en Baroeul/FRANCE
The Shadow/POB 20298/NY NY 10009
Industrial Worker/1095 Market St. #204/SF CA 94103
Acts of Resistance/537 Jones/#1584/SF CA 94102
Turning The Tide/PART/POB 1990/Burbank CA 91507
Piss Bucket/POB 20114/NY NY 10009
Free Society/POB 7293/Minneapolis MN 55407
Animadverse/POB 57464/Jackson Stn/Hamilton, ONT/L8P 4X3/CANADA
Riot Geek!/POB 581354/Minnpls MN 55458-1354
Live Wild Or Die!/POB 13765/PDX, OR 97213
Surrealist Group of Chicago/Black Swan Press/POB 6424/Evanston IL 60204

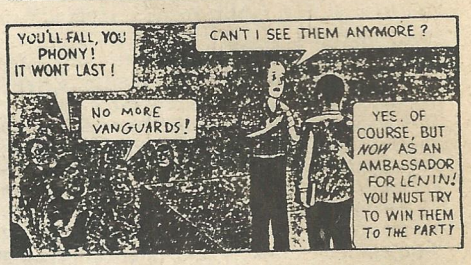
The Chicago Recovery Alliance's
Risk Reduction Outreach with free
Safer Injection Kits Safer Sex Kits
Health Information
Syringe-Exchange
(one new syringe for every barrel or loose needle)
All contacts are anonymous and legal.

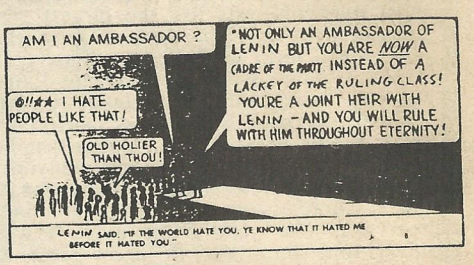
Sites as of January 1993 are

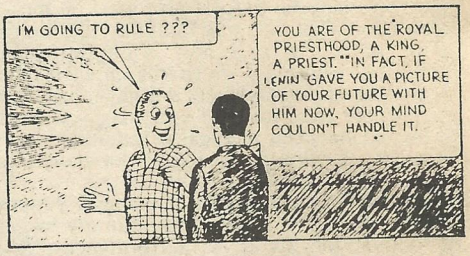
Every Thursday 3-5pm on Winthrop, N of Argyle
Every Friday Noon-2pm on Wood, N of Division
Every Saturday 1-3pm on 68th, W of Halsted
Every Sunday 2-4pm on Clifton, N of Wilson

Call the Recovery Alliance at 312-472-0228 for more info
Call 312-663-1020 for addiction treatment info + referral









We carry over 100 booklets on radical-anarchist-autonomist material, as well as zines, books, punk music, flyers, and stickers. Information is a weapon, don't be caught unarmed. For our current distro list, send a stamp to Collective Chaos, c/o WCF, PO Box 81961, Chicago, IL 60681, U$A, or call (312)455-0707.

ELEMENTS

Baklava Autonomist Collective: An autonomist/anarchist affinity group working on building an autonomous oppositional counterculture through such varied means as hosting community picnics and coffeehouses, squatting, working on house and food collectives, working on our personal lives, doing direct action, and working with other radical activist and counter-cultural groups. We also focus on several main projects:
-**Wind Chill Factor:** What you're reading. Our voice and media.
-**Anarchist Black Cross:** Part of an international network of autonomous ABC groups that are involved in prison struggles and seek to give practical support to political prisoners, POW's, fightback, and class war/social prisoners.
-**Collective Chaos Distribution, Productions, & Records:** Promoting D.I.Y. music and radical propoganda by putting on all ages shows in Chicago, running a mail-order/events distro of music and literature, and producing music of our favorite regional-radical bands.
-**Autonomist Hotline:** Call (312)455-0707 for the latest news and events in Chicago's @ scene or to reach Baklava. Baklava and its projects can be reached at P.O.Box 81961, Chicago, IL 60681.

ACT UP: Tackles AIDS issues on many levels. Meetings every Thursday 7:00 pm at Ann Sather Restaurant, 929 W. Belmont, 2nd floor.

Animal Rights Mobilization: Meetings second saturday of every month, 1-3 p.m., 617 W. Fulton, 4th Flr., POB 805859, Chicago, 60680, #993-1181.

A.W.A.R.E.: Animal rights group. PO Box 1954, Des Plaines, IL 60017. (708)635-1543. News & Events Hotline: (708)297-3596.

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and **Homeless on the Move for Equality:** An advocacy group for the homeless and a group working to acquire housing respectively. CCH, 1325 S. Wabash, Chicago, 60605. (312)435-4548.

Chicago Recovery Alliance: Working towards recovery - any positive change! Activities include needle exchange. Meetings 1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m., 1579 N. Milwaukee, Rm. 211. POB 470688, Chicago, I60647, (312)929-0030.

Chimera: Teaches self-defense courses for womyn. Classes are taught through-out the Chicago area. (312)939-5341

Coalition Against Bashing: A group of individuals & activist organizations taking constructive action against racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia. POB 3713, Merch. Mart Plaza, Chicago, 60654, (312)764-5239, Hotline (312)472-2571.

Coalition for Positive Sexuality: Distributes "Just Say Yes!", an explicit, sex-positive info booklet and free condoms to Chicago public high school students and encourages the distribution of free, positive safe-sex material. 3712 N. Broadway #191, Chicago 60613, (312)604-1654.

Collective Chaos Distribution & Productions: Making punk a threat again! A.D.I.Y. group promoting all ages shows in Chicago and running a mail-order distribution of music, books, and more. c/o Wind Chill Factor, POB 81961, Chicago, 60681, (312)455-0707.

Committee to End the Marion Lockdown: An organization dedicated to abolishing control unit prisons and the associated barbaric ideology. CEML, PO Box 578172, Chicago, 60657-8172, (312)235-0070.

Emergency Clinic Defense Coalition: Organizes clinic defense and mobilization in support of womyn's right to choice. ECDC, POB 1634, Evanston, IL 60204, voice mail: (312)845-6838.

Hate Crime Reporting: To report attacks based on sex, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or nationality, call 1-800-347-HATE.

Horizons Community Services: Providing gay community services, including counseling and hate crime reporting. 3225 N. Sheffield, Chicago, 60657. (312)472-6469. Gay & Lesbian Helpline: (312)929-4357.

Illinois Tenants Union: Non profit group placing "tenants rights before property rights", offers legal service to tenants, but it ain't free - they charge 1/2 your security deposit or a fee, 4616 N. Drake, Chicago, 60625, (312)478-1133.

Indian Treaty Rights Committee: Supports treatry rights for indigenous peoples. 59 E. Van Buren, #2418, Chicago, 60605, (312)663-5396.

Industrial Workers of the World: Meets 1st Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at New World Resource Center, 1476 W. Irving Park, Chicago (312)549-4049.

Irish Northern Aid: Dedicated to raising funds for families of Irish Republican political prisoners and to promoting political awareness of the situation in northern Ireland. 1-800-IRELAND, PO Box 30252, Chicago, 60634.

Metropolitan Tenants Organization: non profit tenants assistance. More radical than the Tenants Union (above). 3212 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60657, 549-1631, Hotline for free assistance #549-1986, M, T, Th, 6-8 p.m.

National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Political Prisoners and P.O.W.'s: Supporting the Puerto Rican independence struggle and freedom for Puerto Rican political prisoners and p.o.w.'s (312)278-0885, office/gallery: 1112 N. California, Chicago 60622.

New World Resource Center: Bookstore and Info center for political left, films, study groups, "Open University of the Left" classes, 1476 W. Irving Park Road, #348-3379.

Pledge of Resistance: A group committed to opposing U.S. interventions and militarism and their domestic impacts. (312)663-4399. 59 E. Van Buren, #1400, Chicago, 60605.

Queer Nation: A direct action group promoting gay, lesbiexual visibility and fighting homophobia and oppression. Meets every Monday at 7:30 pm at Ann Sather Restaurant, upstairs, 929 W. Belmont. Q.N., Merch. Mart Plaza, Box 3713, Chicago, 60654.

Refuse and Resist: A group dedicated to creating a climate of resistance to beat back the attack of a resurgent Amerikkka and the New World Order. (312)202-7067-Voice Mail.

Some Chicago Anarchists: An educational anarchist group. Holds forums and picnics. 1340 W. Irving Park Rd, Box 163, Chicago, 60613.

Task Force to Confront Police Violence: Working to expose and confront police brutality and racism and the institutionalized attitudes which support them. PO B 25501, Chicago, 60625, (312)235-0070.

W.A.C (Women's Action Coalition): An open alliance of women committed to direct action on issues affecting the rights of all women. WAC demands an end to homophobia, racism, religious prejudice and violence against women. We insist on every woman's right to quality health care, childcare and reproductive freedom. Mtgs. every Tuesday at Randolph St. Gallery (women only), 756 N. Milwaukee, #666-7737, POB 477525, Chicago, 60647.

Westown Community Law Office: Cooperatively-run and staffed by womyn. (312)278-6706. 2048 W. Division, Chicago, 60622.

Information is Strength
Knowledge is Power

WIND CHILL FACTOR
P.O. Box 81961
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The Cops Have Guns

APPENDIX C

List of Commonly Misspelled Words from Police Reports

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ACCEPT
ACCESSORIES
ACCOMPANIED
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But We Have Brains.